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## Gunman Opens Fire at Oregon College; At Least 10 Dead



Police search students outside Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, following a deadly shooting at the college.

(Mike Sullivan/Roseburg News-Review via AP)  
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**ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)** — A gunman opened fire at a rural Oregon community

college Thursday, killing at least ten people before dying in a shootout with police, authorities said. The killer, identified only as a 20-year-old man, invaded

a classroom and demanded that people stand up and state their religion before spraying more bullets, one student reported. Authorities shed no light on

the gunman's motive and said they were investigating. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said 10 people were dead after the attack at Umpqua

Community College in the small timber town of Roseburg, about 180 miles south of Portland.

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## NYPD announces reforms in response to a critical report

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amid concerns about excessive force, the New York Police Department unveiled a new program on Thursday to document physical encounters officers have with the public and to discourage using force in the first place.

The 35,000-officer department, the nation's largest, touted the initiative as a way to track and analyze all instances when force is used and said it will use the data to adjust training and identify problem officers. Police officials conceded that under current procedures, instances of force sometimes go unreported. Under the new policy, the department won't wait for a death or serious injury or an allegation of abuse to initiate an inquiry, Assistant Chief Kevin Ward said at a news conference.

"If we use force, we will document it," said Ward, who's spearheading the effort. "We will investigate it." Police officials likened the approach to one they credit with dramatically reducing instances of when officers fire their guns. Those shootings totaled 79 in 2014, a record low.

According to a summary, the new guidelines will emphasize "the duty of all members to protect human life, including people in their custody" and promote the use of verbal techniques to head off a physical encounter.

The overhaul "sends a message to all New Yorkers that we're going to enforce the law, but we're going to do it in a way that only uses that force which is necessary," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement.

The measures were announced the same day the city's inspector general, Philip Eure, released a report faulting the NYPD for not doing more to combat excessive force. At a separate press briefing, Eure told reporters that compared to some other big-city police departments, the NYPD "was living a little bit in the Dark Ages with respect to its use-of-force policies."

Asked about Eure's comment, Police Commissioner William Bratton insisted the department has been aggressively revamping its policies for well over a year. The examination of the NYPD's record on force comes in the wake of the police chokehold death of Eric Garner in 2014 and a rough takedown and handcuffing of former professional tennis star James Blake after officers mistook him for a criminal suspect in September. Both were videotaped and remain under official review; neither was part of the analysis.

Eure's report criticized the department for not giving officers clear-cut guidelines on what constitutes excessive force and for often declining to discipline them when they cross the line.

A rulebook for the NYPD "is completely silent on what actions constitute 'force,'" the report said. The rules prohibit excessive force "while offering no clarity on what constitutes 'excessive force,'" it added.

The analysis also found that from 2010 through 2014, the NYPD opted not to punish officers in 37 of 104 cases with evidence of excessive force.

"In a number of cases, the department has failed to meet its fundamental obligation to police itself," the report said.

There are also several examples of officers being in a position to intervene and potentially stop excessive force but choosing not to, the review said.

It cites a video showing an officer punching a cyclist in the face four times on a Queens street after the man refused to produce his identification as another officer stands a few feet away with his thumbs hooked in his belt. □

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It was not immediately clear whether that number included the gunman. State police Lt. Bill Fugate told KATU-TV that at least

was in a freshman writing class when a shot came through the window and hit the teacher in the head. The gunman then entered the Snyder Hall classroom and told people to get on the floor, she told the Rose-

blood on her," she said. Some students were in tears as they left. Police lined up students in a parking lot with their hands over their heads and searched them before they were bused with faculty to the nearby



People hold signs for free rides as friends and family wait for students at the local fairgrounds after a deadly shooting at Umpqua Community College, in Roseburg, Ore., Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

(AP Photo/Ryan Kang)

20 others were hurt.

"It's been a terrible day," a grim-faced Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin said at a news conference. "Certainly this is a huge shock to our community." Hours after the attack, a visibly angry President Barack Obama spoke to reporters, saying the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and that the shooters have "sickness" in their minds.

Repeating his support for tighter gun-control measures, the president said thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in such situations because they do nothing to stop similar attacks from happening a few weeks or months later. He challenged voters wanting to confront the problem to vote for elected officials who will act. Police began receiving calls about a campus shooting at 10:38 a.m. The school has a single unarmed security guard.

Kortney Moore, 18, said she

burg News-Review newspaper. He told people to stand up and state their religion before opening fire. Next door, students heard a loud thud and then a volley of gunfire, Brady Winder, 23, told the newspaper. Students scrambled "like ants, people screaming, 'Get out!'" Winder said. He said one woman swam across a creek to get away.

The sheriff said officers had a shootout with the gunman, but it was not clear if he was killed by authorities or whether he took his own life.

The gunfire sparked panic as students ran for safety and police and ambulances rushed to the scene.

Lorie Andrews, who lives across the street from the campus, heard what sounded like fireworks and then saw police cruisers streaming in. She spoke with students as they left.

"One girl came out wrapped in a blanket with

county fairgrounds, where counselors were available and some parents waited for their children.

Jessica Chandler of Myrtle Creek, south of Roseburg, was at the fairgrounds desperately seeking information about her 18-year-old daughter, Rebecka Carnes.

"I don't know where she is. I don't know if she's wounded. I have no idea where she's at," Chandler said.

Carnes' best friend told Chandler that her daughter had been flown by helicopter to a hospital, but she had not been able to find her at area medical centers.

Interim college President Rita Cavin said it was awful to watch families waiting for the last bus of survivors and their loved ones were not on it.

"This is a tragedy and an anomaly," she said. "We have a wonderful, warm, loving and friendly campus." □



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## Hurricane Joaquin batters Bahamas; storm could threaten US

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**ELEUTHERA, Bahamas (AP)**

— Hurricane Joaquin unleashed heavy flooding as it roared through sparsely populated islands in the eastern Bahamas on Thursday as a Category 4 storm, with forecasters warning it could grow even stronger before carving a path that would take it near the U.S. East Coast.

The storm battered trees and buildings as surging waters reached the windows of some homes on Long Island in the Bahamas and completely inundated the airport runway at Ragged Island. There were no immediate reports of casualties, according to Capt. Stephen Russell, the director of the Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency.

Prime Minister Perry Christie said he was amending laws to mandate evacuations because some people



A boat is removed from the water in Newport News, Va., Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, in preparation for Hurricane Joaquin.

(Joe Fudge/The Daily Press via AP)

were refusing to move into shelters.

"We do not know the impact of 140 miles an hour on those areas," he said, referring to the hurricane's winds. "We know it's a hor-

rific kind of experience."

Christie and other top-ranking officials also deflected accusations that the government was not prepared and that residents were not properly advised.

People on the island of Eleuthera braced for the approaching storm late Thursday as they hauled sandbags and boarded up businesses.

"It's going to be a scary

storm," said 42-year-old construction worker Jason Petty as he pointed at towering clouds gathering to the north as the sun went down in Eleuthera. "It looks nice now, but later on it's going to be terrible, just terrible." Petty was helping friend Demetrius Johnson, owner of Majestic 9 barber shop, prepare for the storm. Johnson had been sharing pictures of the damage in Acklins and other islands through Whatsapp as he waited for the storm.

"People weren't taking this storm seriously until 48 hours ago," he said. "But now it's a Category 4, and we know it's serious."

Christian minister Dawn Taylor said she believed Eleuthera would withstand the hurricane because Bahamians learned how to cope with storms after devastating Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which hit with winds of 155 mph (249 kph) and generated up to 50-foot (15-meter) waves. □



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## Oklahoma asks to delay executions after getting wrong drug



Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt speaks in Oklahoma City. Pruitt on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, asked a court to delay all scheduled executions while the state reviews how it received the wrong drug as it prepared to lethally inject an inmate.

(AP Photo/Alonzo Adams)

**SEAN MURPHY**  
Associated Press  
**McALESTER, Oklahoma**  
(AP) — Oklahoma's attorney

general on Thursday asked a court to delay all scheduled executions while the state reviews how

it received the wrong drug as it prepared to lethally inject an inmate.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Oklahoma needed time to sort out why its Department of Corrections received a shipment of potassium acetate instead of potassium chloride for Richard Glossip's execution that was to occur Wednesday.

Pruitt's request to the state Court of Criminal Appeals came hours after Gov. Mary Fallin said she was confident the state could resolve its problems in time for an execution set for next week.

"The Office of the Attorney General needs time to evaluate the events that transpired on Sept. 30, 2015, ODOC's acquisition of a drug contrary to protocol, and ODOC's internal procedures relative to the protocol," Pruitt's office said in its request to the court.

Pruitt asked for an indefinite stay.

The next scheduled execution is Benjamin Cole's on Oct. 7, followed by John Marion Grant's on Oct. 28.

Glossip's execution was rescheduled for Nov. 6.

State officials said they learned Wednesday that Oklahoma's drug supplier had shipped it potassium acetate instead of potassium chloride, the third of three drugs administered under the Department of Corrections' guidelines. State protocols adopted after the botched execution of Clayton Lockett last year directed that the war-

den of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary "verifies execution inventory" two days before an execution.

"Certainly it raises a lot of the same questions raised by the Lockett execution, which is whether this department is competent to carry out its own procedures," said Jen Moreno, a staff attorney with the Death Penalty Clinic at the University of California's Berkeley Law School. □

## Virginia:

## Federal judge clears way for execution

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Associated Press  
**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)**

— A federal judge has cleared the way for Virginia to execute a convicted serial killer on Thursday night, saying an unwarranted delay would be harmful for those victimized.

U.S. District Court Judge Henry E. Hudson on Thursday lifted an order blocking Alfredo Prieto's execution, which is scheduled for 9 p.m. His lawyers vowed to appeal.

Attorneys for Prieto, 49, wanted his execution de-

layed as they seek more information about the drugs, which were obtained from Texas' prison system, to ensure they won't bring about a painful death.

Hudson said Prieto's lawyers had not adequately shown that the drugs are unsafe and said it was in the public interest for the execution to proceed as planned.

The judge said an unwarranted delay of the execution would be harmful for those victimized by Prieto's crimes, a harm "magnified here by the appalling num-

ber of people that Prieto has killed, raped, or otherwise injured."

A native of El Salvador, Prieto was on death row in California for raping and murdering a 15-year-old girl when DNA evidence linked him to the rape and murder of Rachael Raver and the slaying of her boyfriend, Warren Fulton III.

Authorities have linked Prieto to several other killings in California and Virginia but he was never prosecuted because he had already been sentenced to death. □

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## House passes defense bill that Obama threatens to veto

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Republican-led House on Thursday approved a multibillion-dollar U.S. defense policy bill despite a White House veto threat. The vote was 270-156, more than enough to sustain a veto. The \$612 billion bill — covering new ships, aircraft and pay raises for military personnel — authorizes the

increase in spending that President Barack Obama had requested, but he strenuously opposes the way Congress did it. Lawmakers increased defense spending by padding a separate, war-fighting account with an extra \$38.3 billion. That account — for overseas contingency operations — is not subject to spending limits. The defense policy bill is

one of the few bipartisan measures in Congress that has readily become law for more than a half-century, but Obama's veto threat jeopardizes the legislation. The dispute is over whether Congress should break through spending caps when it comes to defense, but adhere to them for domestic agencies. Obama and his Democratic supporters say no. Republicans

argued that the bill authorizes money for national security amid global threats. Rep. Mac Thornberry, the Republican chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said the bill is critical for the troops and for national security. "This is no time for political games," Thornberry said during House debate. "This is the time to come together and pass a bill that helps

provide for the country's security. ... This is a dangerous world, and it is getting more dangerous by the minute." Rep. Steny Hoyer the No. 2 Democrat in the House, said using the war-fighting account employs a strategy to "sneak around" the ceilings Congress imposed to check spending. Hoyer said the special account is handled on a year-to-year basis. □

## Republican lawmakers criticize likely next leader's comments

**ALAN FRAM**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — House Republicans called on the chamber's likely next speaker Thursday to apologize for crediting the House Benghazi investigation panel with wounding Democratic frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign, delivering a rare public rebuke to a leading member of their own party. The unusually open criticism comes at a tumultuous time for House Republicans, who are revamping their leadership team fol-



**House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif. gestures toward outgoing House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.**  
(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

lowing last Friday's abrupt resignation by Republican House Speaker John Boehner. They also reflect a con-

cern among Republicans that Boehner's expected successor, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, may have damaged his own party with his remarks. "I think it's a total mischaracterization of the good work that's been done on the Benghazi committee," Rep. Jason Chaffetz, a Republican, said of McCarthy's comments in an interview. Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, said he told McCarthy privately Wednesday that he still supported his bid to

become speaker but considered his comments untrue. "To discredit the committee and its purpose was wrong and he should walk back those statements," Chaffetz said. The special House committee has been investigating the 2012 attacks on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. Clinton was secretary of state at the time and is scheduled to testify this month. □

## Senators reach deal to reduce prison time for some offenders

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A bipartisan group of senators, in a rare compromise, unveiled legislation on Thursday that would overhaul the U.S. criminal justice system, allowing some nonviolent drug offenders to get reduced prison sentences and giving judges greater discretion in sentencing. "This historic reform bill addresses legitimate over-incarceration concerns while targeting violent criminals and masterminds in the drug trade," Sen. Charles

Grassley, the Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said in a statement. In the deal struck between some of the Senate's most conservative and liberal members, judges would have the discretion to give sentences below the mandatory minimum for nonviolent drug offenders. Some current inmates could get their sentences reduced by as much as 25 percent by taking part in rehabilitation programs, if they are deemed a low risk to offend again. Since 1980, the federal

prison population has exploded, in part because of mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenders. In 1980, the federal prison population was less than 25,000. Today, it is more than 200,000. The package should have momentum in the Senate since it was negotiated by some of the most powerful senators. But its sponsors acknowledged they weren't sure if their bipartisan compromise would be acceptable in a more polarized House. A House Judiciary Committee spokeswoman said the panel expects to

introduce legislation soon. The Senate bill would eliminate mandatory life sentences for three-time, nonviolent offenders. Violent offenders, sex offenders and inmates convicted of terrorism charges would be excluded. Members of organized crime syndicates and major fraud offenders would also be excluded. At a news conference Thursday, the senators congratulated each other for reaching a bipartisan compromise at a time when such agreements are rare. "This is the way the system

is supposed to work," Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican, said. The White House hasn't commented on the bill. But in July, President Barack Obama became the first president to visit a federal prison while in office. He called for changes in the criminal justice system, saying a distinction had to be made between young people doing "stupid things" and violent criminals. Among the senators' goals: Make the sentencing system more fair, reduce recidivism and contain rising prison costs. □





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## US Financial Front:

# Manufacturing barely expands as global economy slows



A Boeing employee works on a horizontal stabilizer for a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, at Boeing in Salt Lake City. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its index of manufacturing activity for September on Thursday, Oct. 1. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. manufacturers expanded at their slowest pace in two years last month, held back by faltering global growth and cutbacks in oil and gas drilling.

The Institute for Supply Management said Thursday that its index of factory activity fell sharply to 50.2 in September from 51.1 in August. That is the lowest level since May 2013. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion.

New orders and production both fell sharply and a measure of hiring also declined, according to the ISM, a trade group of purchasing managers. All three measures still barely remained in expansion territory.

U.S. manufacturers are getting hit by slower growth in China, the world's second-largest economy, and a stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods more expensive overseas. The 15 percent rise in the dollar's value in the past year has also made imports cheaper compared with U.S.-made goods. Oil and gas drillers are also cutting back on their orders for steel pipe and other equipment in the wake of

sharply lower oil prices.

The report "is yet another illustration of the devastating impact that the strong dollar and weak foreign demand is having on the battered factory sector," Steve Murphy, an economist at Capital Economics, said. "Things might well get even worse before they begin to get better. Nevertheless, the ... incoming data on the rest of the economy are still incredibly upbeat." Sales of existing homes reached an eight-year high in July before slipping in August. Americans are also getting more confident in the economy and consumer spending has been solid. The number of people seeking unemployment benefits is near a

15-year low.

Yet China's factory activity contracted again last month, according to a survey of its purchasing managers. Its manufacturing index inched up to 49.8 from 49.7 in August. Bradley Holcomb, chair of the ISM's survey committee, said that uncertainty around precisely how badly China's economy is slowing, and about the Federal Reserve's next moves, are also weighing on manufacturers. The weakness was widespread. Only seven industries out of 18 tracked by the index actually reported growth, including printing, textiles, furniture, food and beverages, paper products and minerals. □

## Applications for jobless aid rise, but remain near lows

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Applications for unemployment benefits rose last week, but Americans are seeking jobless aid at historically low levels consistent with a healthy job market.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications for jobless aid rose 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 277,000. The four-week average, a less volatile figure, declined to 270,750.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs. The low level of applications indicates that companies trust that the U.S. economy will continue to expand and will possibly boost hiring. The report indicates that employers

have yet to be frightened off by the slowdown in China's economy and fierce sell-offs in the U.S. stock market.

"Filings at this level are incredibly low by historical standards," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpont Securities. "In fact, there has not been a single weekly reading above 300,000 since February."

The drop in weekly applications has reduced the total number of people receiving benefits. There are 2.19 million Americans collecting jobless aid, the smallest total since November 2000. Jobless claims averaging less than 300,000 a week have corresponded with net monthly job gains of roughly 200,000. □

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## UAW members reject Fiat Chrysler deal

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Nearly two thirds of United Auto Workers at Fiat Chrysler voted to reject a proposed contract agreement with the company. Sixty-five percent of the membership voted against the pact, the union said Thursday, sending UAW leaders scrambling for a Plan B. They'll meet with plant-level leaders from across the nation on Thursday in a Detroit suburb to

also has to protect itself against a downturn in sales, the statement said, adding that FCA looks forward to continued bargaining. The union, which represents 40,000 workers at FCA, now can choose to go on strike, return to bargaining with the company to seek a better deal, or shift its talks to General Motors or Ford. Union workers at all three companies have stayed on the job under contract extensions since Sept. 14. The union reached a ten-

to allow lower pay for entry-level workers in 2007 when Detroit automakers were struggling financially. About 45 percent of FCA's workers are paid the lower wage, while GM and Ford can't exceed 20 to 25 percent. Under the deal, pay for entry level-workers would rise 31 percent to top out at \$25.35 per hour after three years. Top-tier workers hired before 2007 would go from \$28.50 per hour to \$30 per hour during the



**An assembly line worker builds a 2015 Chrysler 200 at the Fiat Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich. Nearly two thirds of United Auto Workers members at Fiat Chrysler on Thursday, October. 2, 2015, reject a proposed contract agreement with the company.**

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

talk about their next move. The rejection is a slap at President Dennis Williams who pitched the deal as a fair way to compensate workers yet keep the company competitive in a global auto market. In a union statement, Williams said he doesn't consider the vote a setback because it's part of the contract process. "The ultimate decision and the power of the union is our members, and they make the final decision," he said. Fiat Chrysler said it was disappointed in the vote because bargainers for both sides worked days and nights on an agreement "that would adequately reward the commitment of our workforce while ensuring the company's continued success." While workers should be rewarded in good times, the company

tative agreement with the company two weeks ago that includes pay raises, the potential for increased profit sharing and a \$3,000 signing bonus. But some members objected because the raises don't bring an end to a two-tier wage structure in which workers hired after 2007 are paid less than veteran employees. The contract also allows the company to shift some car production to low-wage Mexico, replacing it with new trucks and SUVs that carry higher price tags to cover higher U.S. wages. Workers said they voted "no" because the deal didn't give lower-tier workers a path to reaching the top wage of \$28.50 per hour. They also said the contract doesn't cap the number of second-tier workers. The UAW agreed

four-year contract. They haven't had raises in more than a decade, although they have received profit-sharing checks. Union workers made concessions in recent contracts to help struggling automakers return to health. But now all three are making money, and members want a bigger share. But companies are fearful of raising their labor costs so that they're not competitive with foreign automakers that have U.S. factories. "It's a tricky balance," said Kelley Blue Book Senior Analyst Karl Brauer. "An increase in UAW pay and benefits absolutely makes sense right now, but if the cost to automakers is too high it will likely drive domestic vehicle production outside the U.S., and it could set them up for financial risk." □

## GM plans cost cuts of \$5.5B to help finance new mobility

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**

**MILFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)** — General Motors plans to cut \$5.5 billion in manufacturing, purchasing and administrative costs during the next three years, helping to finance a big push into autonomous cars and car- and ride-sharing services.

The company told Wall Street analysts Thursday that the savings in logistics, manufacturing, information technology and other costs will more than offset increased investments in brand development and new technology.

GM says it will start testing a fleet of self-driving Chevrolet Volt plug-in hybrid cars late next year at its giant technical center campus north of Detroit. It also announced two car- and ride-sharing services that it expects to generate added profits. The test Volts will be summoned by employees with a smartphone app. The company also has a car-sharing program that allows residents of a 479-home luxury apartment building in New York City to reserve SUVs and park them in any of 200 garages in Manhattan. It also plans to launch a car-sharing service in an unidentified U.S. city early next year.

CEO Mary Barra said GM plans to disrupt the auto industry in new forms of mobility.

Product Development chief Mark Reuss said the autonomous car tests aren't being announced just to get media attention. "We're not doing this as a publicity stunt," he said.

The self-driving car experiment is an effort by GM to match Google, which has a fleet 48 robot cars that have logged more than 2 million miles on private tracks, highways and city streets near the company's Mountain View, California, headquarters. Apple also is testing its own autonomous vehicles, and Uber has created a lab in Pittsburgh to develop them.

GM President Dan Ammann told analysts that the personal car ownership model will remain in place for "quite some time." But GM is experimenting with autonomous cars "so we're right there every step of the way," once that model changes.

No company in or out of the auto industry has solved all the technical obstacles to autonomous cars, nor can they claim leadership, Reuss said. GM sees an opportunity to lead as it works with partners to develop better sensor technology that can handle heavy fog or ice patches, artificial intelligence that can predict driver behavior and prepare for real-world problems and precision mapping to guide the cars, he said.

"We have already developed a lot of this enabling technology because we saw this coming," Reuss told the analysts.

GM also announced that it would be the first in the auto industry next year when it reveals technology to weld aluminum to steel. That will help GM further reduce weight in its vehicles. The company also predicted a 31 percent reduction in battery costs for electric cars that could speed price reductions. Currently its battery cost per kilowatt hour is \$145, but that will drop to \$100 by 2018, a reduction that could make the cars more competitive with internal combustion engines. GM now sells the Chevrolet Volt, which can go about 40 miles on battery power before a gasoline generator kicks in. It also has promised to roll out the Chevrolet Bolt, a \$40,000 fully electric car with a 200-mile range, in late 2016. The company also said during its annual investor presentation that global growth initiatives will increase earnings per share to \$5 to \$5.50 next year. □



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## Russia defends its military action in chaotic Syria

JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — As Russian warplanes carried out a second wave of airstrikes Thursday in Syria, Moscow defended its military involvement against Western criticism of its intentions, saying it sees “eye-to-eye” with the U.S.-led coalition campaign on its targets in the country.

The claim of agreement with Washington came amid conflicting reports about Russia's intentions in Syria and whether it is targeting only Islamic State and al-Qaida-linked militants.

The U.S. and its allies fear that Russia, which has backed the family of President Bashar Assad since the current leader's father was in power, is using the air campaign as a pretext to go after anti-Assad rebels that include CIA-backed groups.

Russian jets appeared to be primarily bombing central and northwestern Syria, strategic regions that are the gateway to Assad's strongholds in the capital of Damascus and the coast. Warplanes hit locations of a U.S.-backed rebel group, Tajamu Alezzah, in the central province of Hama, said the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. It added that Tajamu Alezzah also was targeted a day earlier.

Idlib province appeared to bear the brunt of the attacks, activists said. The province is controlled by a coalition of rebel groups that include the al-Qaida-linked Jabbat al-Nusra.

In Syria's chaotic civil war and rapidly shifting battlefield terrain, however, it can be difficult to distin-

guish which groups holds what territory.

On Wednesday, French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Russian warplanes “didn't hit Islamic State,” and U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter had also said the Russians appeared to have targeted areas that did not include IS militants.

Speaking Thursday at the United Nations, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov rejected suggestions that the airstrikes were to shore up support for Moscow's main ally in the Middle East. He insisted Russia was targeting the same militant groups as the U.S.-led coalition, which is conducting its own airstrikes in Syria: the Islamic State, also known as ISIL, the al-Qaida-linked Jabbat al-Nusra and other groups.

“I would recall that we always were saying that we are going to fight ISIL and other terrorist groups,” he said. “This is the same position which the Americans



Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov delivers remarks during a press briefing at the United Nations headquarters Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. (AP Photo/Kevin Hagen)

are taking. The representatives of the coalition command have always been saying that their targets are ISIL, al-Nusra and other terrorist groups. This is basically our position as well. We see eye-to-eye with the coalition on this one.” Lavrov

added: “If it looks like a terrorist, if it acts like a terrorist, if it walks like a terrorist, if it fights like a terrorist, it's a terrorist, right?” Asked if he agreed with Lavrov, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said: “Well, in concept.” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

Peskov acknowledged to reporters that, “Of course the goal is to help the Syrian army where it is weakest. Yes, that is right. The weak points are where the Syrian army is fighting against IS and other terrorist groups.” □

### Yemen:

## Officials say rebels trading fire with coalition ships

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Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemeni military officials close to the country's Shiite Houthi rebels said Thursday that the rebels are trading fire with warships from the Saudi-led military coalition near the Bab al-Mandab straight, the strategic southern entrance to the Red Sea and the gateway to the Suez Canal.

The development comes amid land clashes Thursday near the straight between units loyal to President Abed Rabbo Man-

sour Hadi and rebel forces. The pro-Hadi units were backed by air support from the Saudi-led coalition that has been bombing Houthi positions and has sent reinforcements from the nearby southern port city of Aden, according to security and military officials, who have remained neutral in the conflict that has splintered the country. The Houthis have been in control of the strategic area for several months and still control the vast majority of the area near Bab al-Mandab, accord-

ing to the officials. The U.N. says at least 2,355 civilians have been killed in fighting in Yemen since March, when a Saudi-led coalition began launching airstrikes against Houthis and allied army units. The Houthis have been in control of the capital Sanaa since last September and are at war with the internationally recognized government as well as southern separatists, local militias and Sunni extremists. Saudi and Egyptian warships have been deployed off the coast of Yemen

to secure the strategically vital Bab el-Mandab. The straight is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, a major route for oil from the Gulf and cargo between Europe and Asia. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters. Separately, a Saudi security officer was killed Thursday in heavy cross-border fire with attackers in Yemen, Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said in statement. □



## Migrant Crisis

# Eastern Europeans to cooperate on border control

**ZAGREB, Croatia (AP)** — Hungary says it is in "constant consultations" with Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia about cooperating on issues of border defense.

Janos Lazar, Prime Minister Viktor Orban's chief of staff, said Thursday that Orban had talked about the issue with the leaders of the three other countries in the so-called Visegrad Group. Lazar said over 291,000 migrants had entered Hungary so far this year, including 87,000 who crossed over from Croatia after Hungary shut down its border with Serbia on Sept. 15 with a 4-meter (13-foot) high fence protected by razor wire, police and military patrols.

Lazar said that a similar fence being built on the border with Croatia would be completed soon, making it possible "to defend Hungary and Europe."

The U.N. refugee agency now predicts that 700,000 refugees and migrants will have traveled to Europe this year, and is seeking

nearly \$100 million to help handle the influx that has strained the European Union.

The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees on Thursday increased its "emergency appeal" for donations to its Europe program to \$128 million, from \$30.5 million made just last month. The new appeal would broaden the response in the program beyond Europe to the Middle East and Africa.

UNHCR upped its already-outdated estimate of migrant and refugee inflows in 2015 from 400,000 previously. The agency estimates that 520,957 people — more than half from Syria — have crossed the Mediterranean to reach Europe this year, and some 2,980 people have died trying. Volunteers are closing down a tent camp in Brussels where they have hosted hundreds of migrants seeking shelter in the European Union and say Belgian authorities need to take over their task.

The camp was set up over



**Migrants walk to the border between Hungary and Austria in Hegyeshalom, Hungary, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. The European Union is threatening to take action against Hungary over laws it has introduced to limit the flow of migrants through its territory.**  
(AP Photo/Ronald Zak)

a month ago and was used by hundreds of people from war-torn nations like Syria and Iraq who were seeking asylum in Belgium. Vanessa Van Strijthem, an organizer at the camp, said that the volunteers would still have an office nearby where refugees could come for help during the day, but would need to refer them to bunk beds the government has set up in an office tower.

"We're going to keep on fighting but we are only citizens. We need the government to take its responsibility," she said.

Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka says his country is opposing any large European Union plan for a permanent compulsory redistribution of asylum-seekers among the bloc's 28 nations.

During a debate on the migrant crisis in the lower house of Parliament on

Thursday, Sobotka said: "We're in the middle of a battle over a realistic approach of the entire European Union to the migrant crisis. The Czech Republic will vote against such a proposal. No government would be able to change such a mechanism in the future."

Last week, EU ministers agreed to redistribute 120,000 asylum-seekers in EU member states despite opposition from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. Slovakia is planning to challenge that. Sobotka said the EU decision was bad but the Czechs would respect it.

Interior Minister Milan Chovanec said Thursday EU ministers will discuss the larger plan for the permanent redistribution of the migrants at their Oct. 8 meeting in Luxembourg.

The European Union is

threatening to take action against Hungary over laws it has introduced to limit the flow of migrants through its territory.

Hungary introduced laws on Sept. 21 making it a criminal offence to cross its border illegally or damage an anti-migration razor-wire fence it erected.

The head of the European Commission's migration and protection wing, Laurent Muschel, told EU lawmakers Thursday that there are "a number of issues that we find problematic in their new legislation."

He said that "we are ready to take any further steps if needed." He did not go into details but said the Commission would lay out its concerns in a letter to Hungary by the end of this week.

The EU's border agency says more than 155,000 people have crossed Hungary's borders this year. □

## Spain PM calls general election for Dec 20

**MADRID (AP)** — Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has called a much-anticipated general election for Dec. 20 that will showcase four parties vying for power.

Rajoy made the announcement Thursday night during an interview on Spain's Antena 3 television channel.

Polls suggest Rajoy's con-

servative Popular Party may win most seats but will likely lose the majority it secured in 2011.

The Socialist Party is the primary opposition but two newcomers have emerged this year as serious political forces among Spaniards fed up with austerity and official corruption.

They are the far-left

Podemos (We Can) party and the centrist Ciudadanos (Citizens) party.

Ciudadanos became the second-most important party in northeastern Catalonia following a regional parliamentary election on Sunday.

Candidates backed by Podemos in May became the mayors of Madrid and Barcelona. □



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## 1,500 Philippine, US marines hold annual exercises

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**

— More than 1,500 U.S. and Filipino marines on Thursday began annual exercises to improve combat readiness and better respond to humanitarian crises in the Philippines, which is frequently hit by powerful typhoons and is locked in a territorial dispute with China. Field training drills during the nine-day Philippine Amphibious Landing Exercise will be held at five military camps in the northern Philippines, said Col. Nathaniel Casem, the Philippines' director of the exercises. Command post exercises involving computer simulations and humanitarian projects will take place in western Palawan, the province closest to disputed areas of the South China Sea.

At least 860 U.S. Marines from Okinawa, Japan, and 749 Filipino counterparts are taking part in the drills. U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, the U.S. exercise director, said the two countries' security alliance has been upheld over the years through their close working relationship.

Noting the territorial disputes, Kennedy told the opening ceremony of the drills that if anyone challenged the Philippines' sovereignty, the U.S. "would respond within a matter of hours, and generally, I assure you that that is not a hallow promise."

Kennedy left after the ceremony without taking questions.

Washington has said many times that it does not take sides in the territorial disputes in the South China Sea, which involve the Philippines, China and four other governments. □

## USS Ronald Reagan arrives in Japan naval port

**KOJI UEDA**

**Associated Press**

**YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP)**

— The American nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan docked at its new home in Japan's Yokosuka naval port Thursday just as Tokyo tries to deepen defense ties with the U.S. under new security laws that expand the role of Japan's military. The warship received a warm welcome from Japanese officials because of its role in disaster relief following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster in northern Japan.

At a ceremony, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said the vessel's arrival and its welcome are "visible symbols of our shared commitment to one another and regional stability."

"Together we provide the most critical pillar of international security, one that only maritime services can deliver," he said.

Outside the port, however, a small group of citizens protested the aircraft carrier's deployment as a move to step up Japan's military cooperation with the U.S.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's

government has pushed to enhance the role of Japan's military in national defense and in global

overseas. Abe says Japan needs the laws to increase its capabilities amid China's growing military assertive-

ness. broiled in U.S.-led wars.

The Ronald Reagan, carrying about 5,000 crewmembers, replaces the USS



**Family members of the crews of U.S. navy nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan wave upon arrival at the U.S. Navy's Yokosuka base in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. The USS Ronald Reagan has entered its new home in Japan's Yokosuka naval port, replacing its predecessor USS George Washington. The arrival Thursday comes as Tokyo tries to deepen defense ties with the U.S. under new security law that expand the role of Japan's military.**

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

peacekeeping. It passed new laws during a chaotic parliamentary session last month that allow the country's troops to also defend their allies, mainly the U.S.,

ness, North Korea's missile and nuclear ambitions, and other security concerns. But many Japanese worry the new laws increase the risk of Japan becoming em-

George Washington, which was the first U.S. nuclear-powered warship based in Japan, where atomic weapons are a sensitive issue. □

## China holding 2 Japanese on spying allegations

**MARI YAMAGUCHI**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)**

— China has arrested two Japanese citizens on spying allegations, officials said Wednesday. Japanese Chief Cabinet Spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters that the two were detained in May, one in Zhejiang province and the other in Liaoning. China said the two are suspected of spying.

Suga said that the Japanese government knew about the arrests soon after the two were detained, but withheld the information

due to safety reasons. He said the two are not government employees, but refused to give other details on the arrests, including the specific allegations they face. Suga said that the Japanese government "absolutely (does) no such thing," referring to sending spies to other countries. The government has provided support for the two through Japanese diplomatic establishments, Suga said, without elaborating. A Foreign Ministry official in charge of the safety of overseas Japanese said

the two detainees were in good health, but that any prospect for their release was not known.

China's government said authorities arrested the two on suspicion of spying.

"The legal basis of the arrests is that these two people engaged in spying in China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a regular briefing Wednesday in Beijing. "If there's anything in common for these two people, it's that both of them engaged in spying in China." Spying carries a maximum

penalty of execution in China.

Japanese newspapers and television stations reported that the two were both men. One was apprehended near military facilities in coastal Zhejiang, and the other near the border with North Korea at about the same time, according to the reports, which cited unnamed sources familiar with Japan-China affairs.

Kyodo News agency reported that a third Japanese man was also in custody over an unknown allegation. □



## Mexico extradites top capos, others from max security jail

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**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico extradited 13 people to the United States this week, including two top drug lords and several suspects in two high-profile 2011 crimes involving Americans — an attack on immigration agents in San Luis Potosi and the killing of consulate workers in Ciudad Juarez.

The move was part of

a new coordination effort between Mexico and the U.S. to fight organized crime, which arose from a June meeting between U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and her Mexican counterpart, Arely Gomez, a U.S. Justice Department statement said.

The extraditions also come on the heels of the embarrassing July 11 escape by

the world's most powerful drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, from the maximum security prison Altiplano.

Mexican officials had said it was impossible for him to escape and he wouldn't be extradited for "300 or 400 years." Many speculated that his blatant flight through a tunnel beneath his cell strained U.S.-Mexico relations.

Mexican officials would not comment on the timing of the extraditions or say whether they had to do with Guzman's escape.

"My guess it is that they're probably starting to make amends for El Chapo," said Mexican security expert Alejandro Hope, adding that 13 at one time is not unprecedented. "Maybe they don't feel as safe now about the security in the

prison system."

Among those sent to the U.S. were Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "La Barbie," a top lieutenant to the late Arturo Beltran Leyva who later led his own faction of the Beltran Leyva cartel, and Jorge Costilla Sanchez, known as "El Coss," an alleged former leader of the Gulf Cartel and Los Zetas, federal prosecutor Tomas Zeron said. □

## In Haiti, Aristide tells thousands to vote for candidate

**DAVID McFADDEN**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Twice-ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide urged thousands of supporters gathered outside his house this week to vote for the presidential candidate of the political faction he founded years ago.

Backers of the Fanmi Lavalas movement chanted, sang and waved photos of Aristide after they trekked to his home in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Tabarre following a campaign rally miles away for the party's presidential candidate.

In early evening Wednesday, Aristide appeared outside his gate with Lavalas' presidential candidate and party chief, Maryse Narcisse, to address the festive crowd. Standing on the back of a pickup truck alongside Narcisse, he called on supporters to ensure that the party's leader wins this year's presidential election. The first round is



**Haiti's former President Jean Bertrand Aristide, center, waves to the crowd after he urged supporters to vote for presidential candidate Maryse Narcisse, center right, of the Fanmi Lavalas political party, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Aristide's public endorsement could be a boon for Narcisse, who is polling well below front-runner Jude Celestin. During the last election cycle about five years ago, the party was barred from the ballot.**

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

Oct. 25.

"Everybody needs to stick together for Maryse Narcisse to enter the National Palace as president," Aristide said into a microphone during his roughly seven-minute speech, prompting loud cheers and applause. He also criticized Haiti's

electoral authorities for what he said were the flawed results from an Aug. 9 legislative vote, which he described as a "selection

instead of an election." Music blared from loud speakers as excited partisans jostled to catch a glimpse of the charismatic ex-president outside the green gate of the home where he has lived quietly since returning to Haiti in 2011. People chanted that Aristide, who asserted upon his return to Haiti that he would not get involved in politics, was their "king."

"I am here because I love him and I hope that the Lavalas party he began can get back in power with these elections," said unemployed laborer Jean Robert, one of several thousand people who walked for about 1½ hours under police watch to gather outside Aristide's walled property.

The rarely seen Aristide remains a popular yet polarizing figure more than a decade after he fled the country on a U.S. plane in February 2004 amid a violent rebellion that led to his second ouster. □

## Argentina intensifies effort to get ex-spy chief, blasts US

**PETER PRENGAMAN**

**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Argentina this week intensified efforts to track down a former spy chief who reportedly has taken refuge in Miami, with top government officials saying they plan to summon the American ambassador and accusing U.S. authorities of stonewalling.

Cabinet chief Anibal Fernandez said that Argentina had received no response from eight requests sent to U.S. Justice Department officials seeking information about Antonio Stiuso, a former operations chief in the intelligence agency formally known as the Secretary of State Information. "Is the United States willing to allow a degradation that would put at risk its relationship with Argentina for a man who, according to what everybody says, has no strategic importance to the United States?" Fernandez told reporters.

Oscar Parrilli, head of the Federal Intelligence Agency, said Argentina planned to summon the American ambassador to Buenos Aires, Noah Mamet, to explain "the absolute lack of response and in some ways complicity in this situation." A U.S. Embassy spokesperson told The Associated Press that the mission would not comment on whether it had received requests for

assistance in criminal matters, but "we can say that we respond to any such requests through established judicial channels." Stiuso had assisted prosecutor Alberto Nisman in his investigation of the unsolved bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish community center in 1994 that killed 85. Nisman was found shot dead in his apartment in January, just days after accusing President Cristina Fernandez of orchestrating

a cover-up of the alleged roles of several Iranians in the bombing, the country's worst terrorist attack. Fernandez has strongly denied Nisman's accusations, and a federal judge threw out the case. In speeches and in letters posted on social media, she has repeatedly suggested that Stiuso could be behind Nisman's death, but never provided details. Nisman's death has not been solved. □





## Riu Palace Antillas Hosts Special Press Breakfast and Tour

**PALM BEACH** - Riu Palace Antillas welcomed members of the local press to their resort Wednesday with a special breakfast and guided tour hosted personally by General Manager Juan Blanco and Sales Manager Shari Sield. Mr. Blanco and Ms. Sield greeted the press with a special RIU-style welcome and gave a personal tour of the hotel, showcasing its elegant restaurants, comfortable guest rooms, beautifully appointed theater and the recently redesigned beachfront and pool deck, with its famous swim up bar and lounge.

"We are so thrilled to welcome the press into our 'home' and introduce them to our hotel's beautiful surroundings and architecture, as well as experience our fine amenities and services," says Blanco. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with these special guests and will plan to share news of our resort happenings with them on-going."

The tour was followed by a special breakfast orchestrated by Blanco and his team and lovingly prepared by Executive Chef David Candanoza at the



Rimini restaurant. Also in attendance was Regional Director of Operations Danielle Camponovo, who met with the press members

and shared some of the Riu family history, as well as information about RIU Hotels and Resorts' unique brand promise of hospitality and

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situations.

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The restaurant will be open again from January 12th, 2016 to March 23rd, 2016, when the academic year comes to an end.

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offerings. More than 55 restaurants are participating in this exciting new culinary event and are incorporating authentic local dishes in their menu. Director of Food & Beverage at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort Dominique Bauduin says the great thing about

restaurant week is that "for us, it opens the door for a different audience. People can enjoy the high gastronomic standards of dining at Windows on Aruba without having to dig deep in their pockets." Restaurants that already feature local menus have added on specials, accenting the local flavors. Carolina Merryweather-Raven, manager of Driftwood Restaurant says that their seafood restaurant "already features a lot of local dishes, but during the 'Eat Local Aruba Restaurant Week' we are certainly highlighting the more authentic Aruban dishes



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Tennis player Rafael Nadal of Spain gives a Thai traditional "wai" pose for photographers after a press conference for his exhibition match against Serbia's Novak Djokovic, in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

Associated Press.

### Nadal praises Djokovic for his 'amazing season'

JOCELYN GECKER  
Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — The text message wasn't enough, so Rafael Nadal praised rival Novak Djokovic in person Thursday for the top-ranked Serb's "amazing season" after winning his third major of 2015 at the U.S. Open.

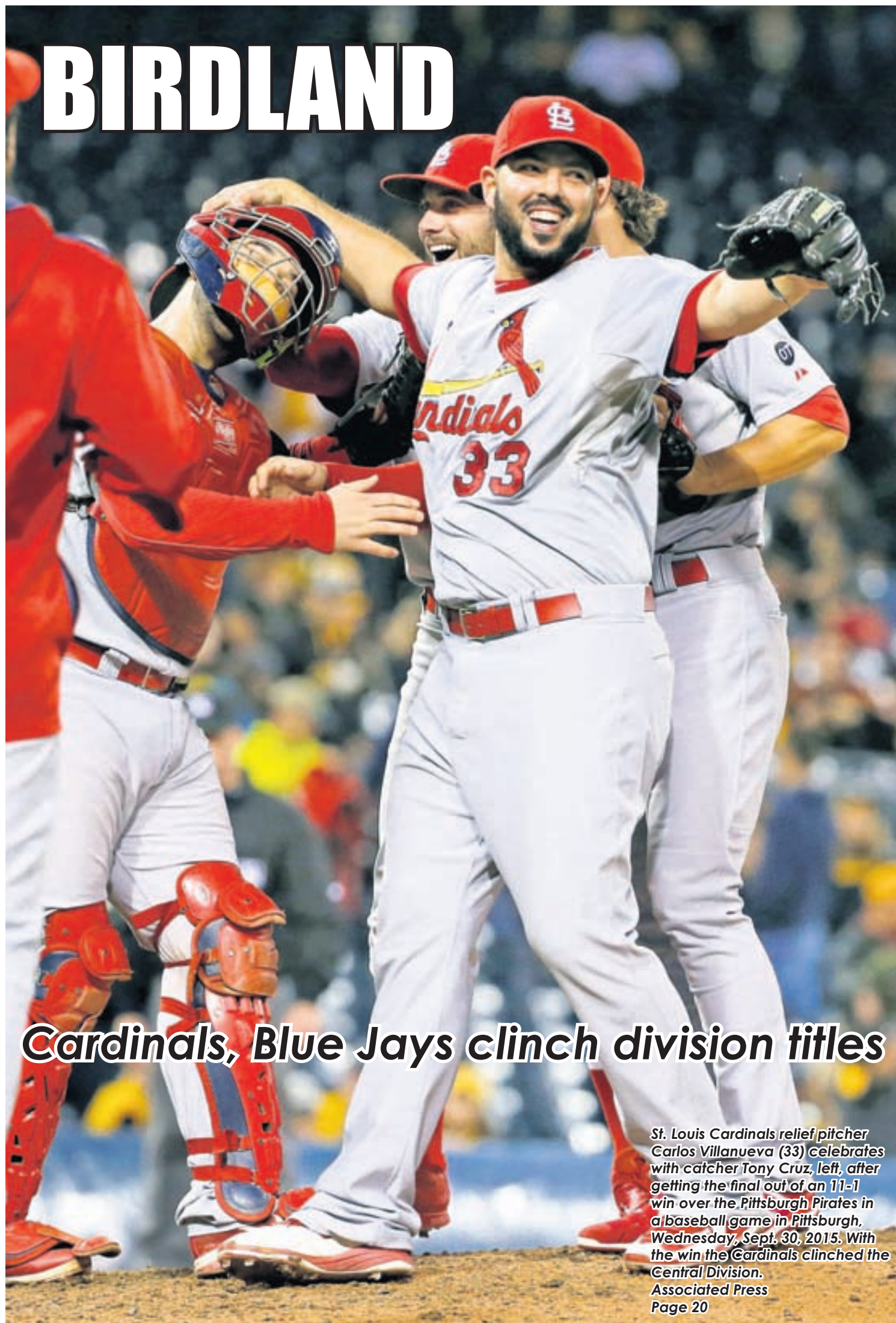
The seventh-ranked Nadal is in Bangkok for a sold-out exhibition match against Djokovic dubbed "Back to Thailand."

Friday's event was organized by local authorities to boost confidence in Thailand's safety after a deadly Aug. 17 bombing that left 20 dead in the heart of the capital.

Seated beside each other at a packed news conference, Nadal was asked if he hoped to get revenge on Djokovic, who won their last two tour matches at the French Open and in Monte Carlo.

"Not really," the 29-year-old Spaniard said, laughing. "No, even if I win tomorrow it will not be revenge."

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### Cardinals, Blue Jays clinch division titles

St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Carlos Villanueva (33) celebrates with catcher Tony Cruz, left, after getting the final out of an 11-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015. With the win the Cardinals clinched the Central Division.  
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## Serena Williams withdraws from WTA Finals and China Open

**BEIJING (AP)** — The 2015 season is over for Serena Williams.

The No. 1-ranked Williams withdrew from her final two scheduled tournaments of the year on Thursday, saying she needs time to heal from a series of injuries and the heartbreak of coming up short in a bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam. Williams hasn't played since losing to Roberta Vinci in the semifinals of the U.S. Open, where she came two matches short of becoming the first player to win all four majors in the same year since Steffi Graf in 1988.

"It's no secret I've played injured most of the year — whether it was my elbow, my knee, or, in the final moments after a certain match in Flushing, my heart," Williams said in a statement.

Williams pulled out of next week's China Open in Beijing and the season-ending WTA Finals in Singapore from Oct. 25-Nov. 1.

"I want to compete as well as I can as long as I can," she said. "So I'm taking a proactive step and withdrawing from tournaments in Beijing and Singapore to properly address my health and take the time to heal."



In this Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 file photo, Serena Williams can't catch up with a drop shot from Roberta Vinci, of Italy, during a semifinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, in New York.

Associated Press

In 2015, Williams won the Australian Open, the French Open and Wimbledon.

Williams said she plans to get back on the court during the offseason and prepare for the Australian Open in January, where she will be going for her 22nd Grand Slam title. That would tie Steffi Graf for most in the Open era.

"This is a very difficult decision, but one ultimately made because of the love of the game," Williams said. "I plan to return to practicing and participating in exhibition matches later this

year. And when I do, I will focus and focus and focus so I can continue my journey in this beautiful game." Williams has already secured the year-end No. 1 ranking for the third straight year and fifth season overall.

Williams won the last three WTA Finals, which features the world's top eight players. She has won the tournament a total of five times. "Serena's health has to be her No. 1 priority," WTA president Micky Lawler said in a statement Thursday. "The risk of injury is a reality in the world of elite athletic

performance. We will miss seeing Serena on court in both Beijing and Singapore and wish her a speedy recovery." Earlier this week, No.

3-ranked Maria Sharapova pulled out of the China Open because of a left forearm injury. She said she still hopes to play at the WTA Finals. □



Rafael Nadal of Spain, left, and Novak Djokovic of Serbia right, attend a press conference for their exhibition tennis match in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

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### Nadal

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"It's an exhibition match," Nadal added, as Djokovic smiled. "The purpose is to try to play a good match where we have some fun and create good fun for the people." Nadal went on to lavish Djokovic with praise — and express some apparent skepticism about beating the 28-year-old Serb who also won the Australian Open and Wimbledon, and has clinched the year-end No. 1-ranking for the fourth time.

"Novak is having an amazing season. I texted him after the U.S. Open but I want to say today in a public way, it's amazing the way that he's playing during the whole season," Nadal said. "The mental strength and the level of tennis is

difficult to equal."

Djokovic silently accepted the compliments and said he hoped to "put on the right show and perform well" for the Bangkok crowd.

Djokovic and Nadal have faced each other 43 times in tour-level matches, with Nadal winning 23. Djokovic's two wins over Nadal this year were on clay, the Spaniard's best surface.

Before Friday's match, the two players will get full VIP treatment with an escorted visit to the Grand Palace followed by a meeting with Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha.

Djokovic last came to Thailand in 2008 when he lost the final of the Thailand Open to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, while Nadal visited the capital in 2010 for the same tournament and lost in the semifinals. □

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## Jets have big task ahead in trying to stop Dolphins' Suh

**DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**

**AP Sports Writer**

**FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)**

— Todd Bowles has figured out the key to slowing Ndamukong Suh, the disruptive and playmaking defensive tackle of the Miami Dolphins.

"Yeah," the New York Jets coach said with a smile, "him not playing."

Good try, coach.

But Suh will be out there Sunday lined up across from the Jets when the teams square off in London. And it'll be up to New York's offensive line to come up with a solution to keep Suh from getting too close to quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.

"Oh, man," right tackle Breno Giacomini said. "Everybody's really good in this league. He's really good."

Suh signed a six-year contract with the Dolphins in the offseason, a deal that's worth \$114 million, with about \$60 million fully guaranteed, making him the highest-paid defensive player in league history. In five years with Detroit, Suh was a force as he routinely overpowered offensive linemen and terrorized quarterbacks.



**In this Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 file photo, Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (93) rushes during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md.**

Through three games, Suh has seven total tackles and no sacks — a bit of a slow start for him. The Dolphins' defense, which includes linemen Cameron Wake, Earl Mitchell and Olivier Vernon, has taken down the quarterback just once while not yet living up to some high expectations.

"I've gone through this before," Suh said. "Teams don't want us to get sacks and I commend them for that. At the end of the day, we have to go out there and will ourselves to sacks. Nobody is going to give them to us."

The Jets are well aware of what Suh and the rest of the Dolphins are capable of.

"They've got a lot of guys down there,"

Bowles said of the Dolphins' defensive line. "We've got our work cut out for us."

Fitzpatrick has been sacked just once in two games, and he knows that number could rise in a hurry.

"They create some match-up problems for you," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm not sitting here looking at that saying, 'Boy, I'm going to be able to sit back there all day and throw.' They've got a lot of talented guys up front that can rush the passer."

And, talk about timing. Brian Winters is set to make his first start since early last season as he fills in for the injured Willie Colon at right guard. Winters, who started six games at left guard last year before going down with a knee injury, and Giacomini will likely see plenty of Suh on Sunday.

"He's a good player," Winters said. "I'm just going to take it like any other game."

Suh isn't quite like just any other player. The four-time Pro Bowl selection has 36 career sacks and is routinely recognized as the best defensive tackle in the NFL. "He looks so big and powerful, but he's got some speed," Giacomini said of the 6-foot-4, 320-pound Suh. "He knows how to use his technique. ... His toolbox of defensive moves or techniques that he uses is pretty full. He can change it up at any time."

Because of all that, Bowles had some sage advice for Winters when it comes to blocking Suh.

"Just eat your Wheaties," Bowles joked. "He's going to be there. Brian's a tough

guy. He'll fight."

That's something else Suh isn't particularly opposed to. The defensive tackle has been fined more than \$250,000 during his career for his aggressive style of play. In Week 1, he was accused of kicking off Washington running back Alfred Morris' helmet — an infraction the NFL deemed was not on purpose and did not fine him.

Giacomini also has a reputation for being ready to rumble, frequently getting into it with opponents while sticking up for teammates. So that could make for a potentially explosive showdown.

"Obviously, you don't want to get any flags or anything to put us in situations that make it tougher to score," Giacomini said. "It's noted that he's a physical player and plays to the whistle and all that. But we've got to play smart."

Giacomini added that facing both Suh and Wake will be a "good challenge" for the right side of the Jets' offensive line.

During the offseason and the beginning of training camp when Colon was out while getting his knee healthy, Giacomini and Winters constantly worked together. So, communication on the line isn't expected to be an issue for the two linemen.

"We're comfortable with each other," Giacomini said. "I think he's getting more comfortable on the right side. Winters is a good player and we're just going to have to go out there and do what we do, man." □







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## AL Capsules

# Blue Jays clinch AL East, split DH with O's

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BLUE JAYS 15, ORIOLES 2, GAME 1

ORIOLES 8, BLUE JAYS 1, GAME 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — With its rout of Baltimore in the first game of a doubleheader, Toronto clinched its first AL East title in 22 years, bringing an appropriate conclusion to its unstoppable, two-month run.

Toronto entered the doubleheader needing only one victory to eliminate the New York Yankees and claim its first title since 1993. The suspense ended quickly as the Blue Jays built a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning of the opener before adding four unearned runs in the fifth.

The remaining innings were a mere prelude to a celebration more than two decades in the making. There were several hundred blue-clad Toronto fans in the small crowd that gathered for the makeup of a game washed out by rain on Tuesday.

ASTROS 7, MARINERS 6 SEATTLE (AP) — Colby Rasmus' broken-bat RBI single capped Houston's rally from a three-run deficit, and the Astros retook the lead in the race for the second AL wild-card spot by beating Seattle.

A day after being passed by the Angels, the Astros moved back in front of Los Angeles, which lost at home to Oakland. The Astros are a half-game ahead going into their final series of the season beginning on Friday in Arizona.

Luke Gregerson got his 31st save, capped when center fielder Carlos Gomez caught a line drive by Franklin Gutierrez and doubled pinch-runner James Jones off first base to end

the game.

Tony Sipp (3-4) was the winner. Danny Farquahar (1-7) took the loss.

TWINS 7, INDIANS 1, GAME 1

INDIANS 10, TWINS 2, GAME 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cody Anderson pitched seven shutout innings and Jose Ramirez hit a three-run homer, leading the Cleveland Indians a split doubleheader, keeping them alive in the AL wild-card race.

in the second off Mike Pelfrey (6-11), who lasted 1 2-3 innings, and Francisco Lindor, continuing his case for rookie of the year, belted a two-run homer in the fourth.

ATHLETICS 8, ANGELS 7

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Vogt hit a tie-breaking, two-run single during Oakland's four-run rally in the seventh inning, and the Athletics hung on to stop Los Angeles' seven-game winning streak.

Sean Doolittle got pinch-

chase by passing Houston for the second wild-card spot, Los Angeles committed four errors and gave up seven unearned runs while dropping back into a tie with the Astros, who played at Seattle later.

RED SOX 9, YANKEES 5, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's normally steady bullpen wasted a chance to clinch its first playoff berth in three years when Dellin Betances gave up a tying homer and Andrew Bailey

need just one win in their final four games to earn the playoff spot.

Bailey (0-1) gave up an RBI single to Deven Marrero with one out in the 11th. Chasen Shreve yielded a run-scoring sacrifice to Jackie Bradley Jr. and a two-run homer to Betts.

RANGERS 6, TIGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre hit the first of three Texas home runs as the AL West leaders moved closer to a postseason berth by beating Detroit. Robinson Chirinos and Mike Napoli also homered for the Rangers.

Yovani Gallardo (13-11) won despite giving up nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. Matt Boyd (1-6) allowed all three homers in 2 2-3 innings.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 3, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO (AP) — Eric Hosmer hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the top of the 10th inning, and Kansas City clinched home-field advantage in an AL Division Series.

Ben Zobrist singled with one out, and Hosmer drove a pitch from David Robertson (6-5) into the bullpen in right field to give the Royals the lead. It was Hosmer's 18th homer of the season.

Alex Gordon and Mike Moustakas also homered for Kansas City, which had already clinched the AL Central title. They will host the first two games of their ALDS, and a Game 5 if necessary.

Edinson Volquez went six innings, allowed one run and nine hits while striking out five but couldn't pick up his first win since Sept. 8. Franklin Morales (4-2) pitched a scoreless inning in relief and Wade Davis got his 15th save in 16 tries. □



**Members of the Toronto Blue Jays celebrate after winning the first baseball game of a doubleheader against the Baltimore Orioles, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, in Baltimore. Toronto won 15-2 to clinch the American League East.**

Minnesota won the first game and pulled to one game behind the Angels for the second wild-card spot — Los Angeles lost to Oakland.

Cleveland is five games behind L.A. and still faced potential elimination if the Astros beat the Mariners later.

Anderson (7-3) held the Twins to two hits and won his fifth straight start.

Cleveland scored four runs

hitter Collin Cowgill to ground out with Mike Trout on third base to end it, completing a five-out save in a wild regular-season home finale for the Angels (83-75).

Eric Sogard had an early three-run double for the last-place A's, whose second win in 11 games further complicated the AL playoff race.

One day after the Angels completed a two-month

allowed the go-ahead hit. After losses in the first two games of the four-game series and with the chance to wrap up a wild-card berth, the Yankees rallied from a 3-0 deficit. Alex Rodriguez's first homer in two weeks gave them a 5-4 lead in the sixth.

But on a night when Masahiro Tanaka struggled early in his return from a hamstring injury, the Yankees stumbled again. Still, they



## NL Capsules

# Cardinals rout Pirates, clinch 3rd straight NL Central title



A group of St. Louis Cardinals players pose for their team photographer while celebrating after clinching the Central Division with an 11-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015.

### The Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Jason Heyward hit a third-inning grand slam to power the Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-1 in the second game of a double-header, giving St. Louis its third NL Central title and 11th since 1994.

This one may be among the most impressive. The Cardinals assured themselves of the best record in the majors this season despite losing several stars to injury for long stretches.

The Pirates will play in the NL wild-card game against the Chicago Cubs next week.

Heyward's shot off Bobby LaFromboise, who replaced an ineffective Charlie Morton (9-9), gave St. Louis an early six-run lead. Tyler Lyons (3-1) had little trouble making it hold up as the Cardinals reached the 100-win plateau for the ninth time.

St. Louis players jogged out of their dugout to the infield in a business-like celebration of their fifth straight postseason berth. Their season-long run atop baseball's most competitive division — and the ease in which the team did it — is all the more stunning considering the obstacles it had to overcome.

In Game 1, Francisco Cervelli's grand slam off Michael Wacha (17-7) provided Gerrit Cole (19-8) all the offense he would need to improve to 12-2 in September during his young career. Neil Walker also

homered for the Pirates.

PHILLIES 7, METS 5

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — New York Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes was bruised on two fingers of his left hand after he was hit by a pitch in a testy loss to Philadelphia.

X-rays were negative on Cespedes, struck on the ring and middle fingers. He exited in the third inning, then returned to the dugout in the sixth when the benches started to empty following a high-and-tight pitch.

Daniel Murphy and Michael Conforto homered for the NL East champion Mets.

Ken Roberts (1-1) retired one batter and Ken Giles got his 15th save in 19 chances. Bobby Parnell (2-4) lost in relief.

CUBS 10, REDS 3

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Austin Jackson drove in a career-high five runs, Jon Lester set a team for strikeouts in a season by a left-handed pitcher and the playoff-bound Chicago Cubs beat Cincinnati for their fourth straight win. The Reds lost their 11th in a row.

The Cubs will play the Pirates in next week's NL wild-card game.

Lester's strikeout of Ivan De Jesus Jr. in the fifth inning was his 203rd of the season, snapping the franchise record for a left-hander set by Ken Holtzman in 1970. Lester (11-12) finished with nine strikeouts and retired the last 20 batters he faced.

Anthony DeSclafani (9-13) took the loss.

GIANTS 5, DODGERS 0

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Mike Leake pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout.

A day after being eliminated from playoff contention, the Giants jumped to an early lead, then rode Leake to beat the Dodgers for the eighth time in nine games at AT&T Park.

Leake (11-10) struck out one and walked three to win for just the second time in nine starts since being acquired in a trade from Cincinnati on July 30. The impending free agent faced only three over the minimum.

Jimmy Rollins singled in the fourth for the Dodgers, who remain one game behind the New York Mets for the No. 2 seed in the NL. The two teams will play each other in the NL Division Series, though homefield advantage for that showdown has yet to be decided.

Matt Duffy hit his 12th home run of the season off Dodgers starter Mike Bolsinger (6-6).

BRAVES 2, NATIONALS 0

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Rookie Williams Perez threw six innings and Atlanta's bullpen did the rest to record the Braves' first shutout since June 21.

Jordan Zimmermann (13-10), a fixture in the Nationals' rotation since 2011, took the loss in what will likely be his final appearance for the team that drafted him in 2007. Zimmermann, a free agent at the end of the season, gave up two runs and six hits in six innings in his career-high 33rd start. Perez (7-6) is auditioning for a spot in an uncertain rotation for the Braves in 2016.

BREWERS 5, PADRES 0

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Zach Davies pitched seven innings for Milwaukee in its seventh shutout of the season.

Davies (3-2) did not allow a run for a second consecutive start, having shut out the Chicago Cubs over six innings in his last outing. He struck out six and walked

two.

Milwaukee has won five of its last seven games.

San Diego starter Andrew Cashner (6-16) struck out four of the first five batters in the game, but left after allowing five consecutive hitters to reach in the fifth. He gave up five runs and nine hits, while striking out seven and walking two.

RAYS 6, MARLINS 4

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)**

— Drew Smyly won his fifth straight decision and Grady Sizemore had a three-run double for Tampa Bay. Smyly (5-2) allowed one run, three hits, three walks and had eight strikeouts over six innings. After losing his first start on Aug. 16 following a three-month absence due to a torn left labrum, the left-hander has gone 5-0 over an eight-start stretch. □

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# After years of declines, MLB offense perks up in 2nd half

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**NEW YORK (AP)** -- As fresh-faced rookies cleared fences right along with the reliable sluggers into late September, hitters perked up in the second half this season and stopped an eight-year slide in the big league batting average. The majors' batting average jumped from .253 before the All-Star break to .257. Runs were up, too, and there was a significant spike in homers.

Major League Baseball has been concerned about decreased offense over the past 15 years and has been watching the figures closely.

"Am I glad we had a little more offense? Yes," new Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "But do I think an uptick in August and September of one year is enough to base any decision on? No, I really don't." Why the hot second half at the plate?

"Seeing guys for the first time can be a little bit of a disadvantage. You pick up their arm angle a little differently," Chicago White Sox outfielder Adam Eaton said. "When you see them the second time, you have the advantage. And when you see them the third, fourth, fifth time, after the All-Star break, as a hitter, you learn from your mistakes."

The average number of runs per team each game climbed 9 percent in the



Chicago White Sox's Adam Eaton watches his RBI single off Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Edinson Volquez during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, in Chicago.

second half, from 4.1 to 4.47, and home runs shot up nearly 16 percent, from .95 to 1.1.

Still, the sport is nothing like the homer-happy days of the Steroids Era, an offense boom that saw the batting average peak at .271 in 1999 and the team home run average at 1.17 per game the following year.

The big league batting average was .269 in 2006 but dropped for eight seasons in a row to .251 last year - its lowest since a .244 in 1972, the last season before the

American League adopted the designated hitter. That drop followed the start of drug testing in 2003, penalties for positive steroids tests the following year and a ban on amphetamines in 2006. This season's average is back up to .255.

Average home runs per team each game plateaued at .87 last year, its lowest level since 1992, but perked up to 1.01 this season - around the level of 2012.

"You go back and talk about the juiced balls or

some of the technology, the bats and so forth, I don't know if that has something to do with it," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "But offense is definitely up, - homers are more so." Melvin saw plenty of them leave the ballpark against his A's last weekend, when San Francisco rookie Jarrett Parker connected four times in two games, including a grand slam among his three homers in a 14-10 win Saturday.

After explosive growth in defensive shifts in 2014 and

2015, it appears more hitters adjusted this year - laying down a bunt here and there to give opponents second thoughts and occasionally making an effort to drive outside pitches the other way.

One trend hasn't changed: Most teams have an assembly line of relievers coming out of their bullpens in the middle innings at 95 mph and up.

"A lot of guys are throwing hard," Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford said. "It seems like everybody's throwing a cutter now to keep you off the straight fastball."

Seemingly tied to the increase in an offense is a spike in game times. Baseball made an effort to speed the pace this year, installing clocks to time between-innings breaks and pitching changes, and telling hitters to keep at least one foot in the batter's box in many instances.

The average time of a nine-inning game was 2 hours, 53 minutes before the All-Star break, a drop of 10 minutes from 2014. But it has been 3:00 since the break, down just two minutes. That leaves the overall season average at 2:56, a 6-minute decrease. "We're basically back to the 2012 game," Manfred said. "To get an improvement in offense while you still shortening the game, if that's the way it turns out, that would be a very positive development." □

## KC pitcher Guthrie remembers Oregon hometown after shooting

**AP SPORTS WRITER**

**CHICAGO (AP)** -- Kansas City Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie fondly remembers those days growing up in Oregon - riding his bike all around Roseburg, going to the local swimming pool and cheering on the basketball team at Umpqua Community College.

All those memories came flooding back after a gunman opened fire at the school on Thursday, killing at least nine people before

dying in a shootout with police. "It's a very small community," Guthrie said of the town where he was born and lived until he was 12. "My mom spent time there. I don't remember - I was so young - if she was going to school there or if she was helping out there, but my brothers and I used to go swimming there at the swimming pool that you can see in those aerial photos. We used to watch basketball games there for

the local team." "So we spent a lot of time there and it's part of the community. I'm sure they're going through a lot of pain. I'm sure a lot of people and families are connected to some of the victims," he said. Guthrie's father sold cars in the Roseburg area for about 20 years, and the left-hander said he still has several aunts, uncles and cousins in the region about 180 miles south of Portland.

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Kansas City Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie, talks about growing up in Roseburg, Ore., where a gunman opened fire on students at Umpqua Community College near Roseburg today, before a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Royals Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, in Chicago.

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# Google's driverless car drivers ride a career less traveled

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.

(AP) — After a friend recommended that he join a secret Google project six years ago, Brian Torcellini suddenly found himself on the road to an occupational oxymoron. He became a driver in a driverless car.

Torcellini, 31, leads a crew of test, or "safety," drivers who are legally required to ride in Google's fleet of 48 robot cars. They only take control in emergencies. Otherwise, they make observations that help the Internet company's engineers program the cars to navigate the roads without human assistance.

"A lot of people go to work and sit in a cubicle," Torcellini says. "Our cube just happens to move around the roads. And if we are successful, we are going to put ourselves out of a job." The driverless cars already have logged more than 2 million miles in six years of sometimes tedious testing on private tracks, highways and city streets located mostly near Google's Mountain View, California, headquarters.

The vehicles have traveled more than half that distance in automated mode, with one test driver in place to take control of the car if the technology fails or a potentially dangerous situation arises. Meanwhile, another driver sits in the front passenger seat typing notes about problems that need to be fixed and traffic scenarios that need to be studied.

"I don't want to compare myself to an astronaut, but it kind of feels like that sometimes," says Google test driver Ryan Espinosa while riding in an automated Lexus that recently

took an Associated Press reporter on a 20-minute ride around town without requiring any human intervention.

If the technology advances as Google envisions, the only people sitting in driverless cars by 2020 will be passengers looking for an easier way to get around. Even fewer test drivers will be working because the driverless cars will be completely autonomous, eliminating the need for the ve-

ing cars and pushes the button that activates the vehicle's robotic controls.

"When you go scuba diving and take a moment to really think about it, you realize you are doing something that isn't supposed to be humanly possible: you are breathing underwater," Torcellini says. "It's the same kind of feeling you get in one of these cars. It's not supposed to be humanly possible."

While the engineers who

Stephanie Villegas, 28, was a swim instructor, knife sharpener and bond trader before becoming a test driver. Other test drivers are military veterans and former photographers. They all share at least one thing in common: spotless driving records.

Before they are entrusted with the cars, Google's test drivers must complete three-week training courses. The drivers are taught to take control of the robot

of full-time employees and contractors, some of whom are eventually hired by the company.

The drivers who start off as contractors begin at \$20 per hour with "many opportunities" for overtime when they log more than eight hours in a day or 40 hours in a week, according to Google's recent help-wanted listings posted on Glassdoor.com. The drivers who become employees receive company stock options in addition to their salaries, though Google won't disclose how much they are paid.

Besides having clean driving records, Google's test drivers say the job requires a combination of good judgment, patience and fearlessness. The self-driving cars were in 16 accidents from May 2010 through August, but they are becoming more frequent as the vehicles spend more time on public roads. Half of the collisions have happened since February — a stretch when the self-driving cars were traveling an average of about 10,000 miles per week on public streets in autonomous mode. There have been no major injuries reported so far.

The self-driving technology hasn't been to blame for any of the accidents, according to Google, though it says one collision was caused by an employee who was steering a robot car while running a personal errand. In all but three of the accidents, Google's self-driving cars have been rear-ended, a trend that the company believes has to do with the large number of motorists who are texting, talking on the phone or otherwise doing something besides paying attention to the roads and their surroundings. □



In this Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 photo, Brian Torcellini, Google team leader of driving operations, right, poses for photos with vehicle safety specialists Rob Miller, top left, and Ryan Espinosa, next to a vehicle at a Google office in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

hicles to be equipped with steering wheels or brake pedals. Everything will be controlled through a combination of sensors, lasers, software and intricate maps — a vision that could very well leave many of Google's test drivers looking for a new line of work.

The job requires a sense of adventure, something Torcellini acquired when he began to surf in high school. His other passions include spear fishing and scuba diving, which he likens to the sensation he gets when he climbs into one of Google's self-driv-

are programming the robot cars have technical backgrounds, most of the test drivers don't.

Torcellini worked in a drug store warehouse while getting his degree in political science at San Diego State University. He dreamed of pursuing a career writing about surfing. He ended up at Google in 2009 after a friend who worked for the company suggested he interview for an opening on a then-secret project.

Espinosa, 27, was working in a bicycle shop before he was hired as a test driver two-and-half years ago.

car whenever there is any moment of doubt or danger.

Google employs "dozens" of test drivers but won't reveal the precise number. It's likely around 100 because California law requires two test drivers per vehicle, and Google's fleet currently consists of 25 pod-like cars and 23 Lexuses.

A few of those self-driving cars Google also recently began cruising around Austin, Texas, so a few of the test drivers are based there.

The crew consists of a mix



## Wall Street ends flat before monthly jobs report

**The Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A late turn gave the stock market a meager gain to start the month Thursday, a day after it finished its worst quarter in four years.

Investors were looking ahead to Friday when the government releases its monthly jobs report. Economists forecast that employers added 200,000 workers to their payrolls last month. Strong hiring would likely raise expectations that the Federal Reserve will increase its benchmark interest rate at its next meeting later this month.

If the jobs report were to show a gain of more than 200,000, people will start wondering about the Fed's next move, said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at the Commonwealth Financial Network. "That could mean we're in for another big drop," he said. Mounting concerns about slowing global economic growth and the timing of the Fed's first interest-rate hike in nearly a decade battered markets over recent months.

Without any big developments to drive the action on Thursday, trading appeared aimless. The Standard & Poor's 500 index took a sharp fall in the morning, languished throughout the afternoon then climbed back to finish the day with a slight gain. The S&P 500 added 3.79 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,923.82.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 12.69 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,272.01 and the Nasdaq composite gained 6.92 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,627.08.

On Wednesday, the S&P 500, the most widely used measure of U.S. investments, closed out the quarter with a 7.4 percent loss. Among companies in the news, Dunkin' Brands plunged 12 percent after the company's revenue estimates fell short of ana-

lysts' forecasts. Dunkin' Brands dropped \$6 to an even \$43. Twitter lost 8.4 percent amid reports that the social-media company will name co-founder Jack Dorsey as CEO for a second time. Its stock sank \$2.26 to \$24.68. In Europe, Germany's DAX fell 1.6 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 0.7 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares edged up 0.2.



**Madison Square Garden Company President and CEO David O'Connor, right, is applauded by MSG Networks Inc. President and CEO Andrea Greenberg, center, and others as his company's spinoff begins trading, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

There was some encouraging news out of China where an official measure

bonds edged up, nudging the yield down to 2.04 percent from 2.05 percent late Wednesday. The euro rose to \$1.1188 while the dollar dipped to 119.90 yen. Precious and industrial metals settled with small losses. Gold dropped \$1.50 to finish at \$1,113.70 an ounce, and silver slipped a penny to \$14.51 an ounce. Copper lost 4 cents to \$2.30 per pound.

The price of oil fell Thursday on weakness in U.S. manufacturing, which could lead to lower demand

for crude. The Institute for Supply Management said Thursday that U.S. manufacturers expanded at their slowest pace in two years last month, held back by faltering global growth. The price of crude oil fell 35 cents to close at \$44.74 a barrel in New York. Brent

Crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 68 cents to close at \$47.69 in London.

In other futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange:

— Wholesale gasoline remained unchanged at \$1.367 a gallon.

— Heating oil fell 1.7 cents to close at \$1.520 a gallon.

— Natural gas fell 9.1 cents to close at \$2.433 per 1,000 cubic feet, its lowest level since the summer of 2012, on high supplies. □

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### U.S. construction spending up 0.7 percent in August

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Spending on U.S. construction projects rose in August to the highest point in more than seven years, fueled by home building and government projects.

Construction spending in August increased 0.7 percent from July, when it had risen 0.4 percent, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

The latest result suggests that businesses remain confident enough in the economy to expand. Construction activity is expected to provide solid support for the overall economy for the rest of the year.

The gains were led by gains of 1.3 percent in home building and 0.5 percent in government construction projects.

Private nonresidential construction also advanced, but by a more modest 0.2 percent. Two key areas — office building and the category that covers shopping centers — both declined.

The 1.3 percent rise in home construction reflected a 4.8 percent surge in apartment construction and a more modest 0.7 percent rise in construction of single-family homes.

The 0.5 percent rise in government construction projects was driven by a 0.5 percent rise in state and local projects and a 0.6 percent rise in federal building projects.

The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, expanded at an annual rate of 3.9 percent in the April-June quarter.

Business spending on structures grew at a 6.2 percent rate during the spring while construction of homes was growing at an even faster 9.3 percent rate after gains of 10 percent over the previous six months. □

## Apple diversifying, names ex-Boeing CFO to board

**CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)** — Apple has filled a void on its board of directors with James Bell, the former chief financial officer for aircraft maker Boeing Co.

Bell becomes the only African American on Apple's board, helping the iPhone and iPad maker diversify its corporate hierarchy at a time when major technology companies are under

fire for not having enough women and minorities in leadership roles and in their overall workforce.

Apple already has two women on what is now an eight-director board. Two of Apple's top executives, Lisa Jackson and Denise Young-Smith, are also African Americans.

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who has spear-

headed the push for greater diversity in Silicon Valley, applauded Apple CEO Tim Cook for bringing Bell on to the board of the Cupertino, California, company.

"We are delighted but not surprised," Jackson said. "Tim Cook has made a wise choice. James Bell is eminently qualified."

Besides serving as Boeing's CFO during his 38-year

career at the company, Bell also was interim CEO in 2005. He fills a vacancy created on Apple's board when J. Crew Group CEO Millard "Mickey" Drexler relinquished his spot earlier this year.

Bell also sits on the boards of JP Morgan Chase, Dow Chemical and another technology company, CDW. □



# United's new CEO acknowledges airline's failures

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Five years after United Airlines and Continental merged, the company's new CEO declared in a public letter that the combined company has failed to live up to the expectations of both fliers and United's employees.

Just three weeks into the job, CEO Oscar Munoz acknowledged in full-page newspaper ads that "the

journey hasn't always been smooth." Since the merger, United has been plagued with chronic delays, computer outages and dissatisfied workers, who have a reputation for taking out their frustrations on fliers. The problems overshadowed the tenure of former CEO Jeff Smisek, who took over the combined airline when the merger closed on Oct. 1, 2009.

On Sept. 8, Chicago-based United Continental Hold-

ings said Smisek was ousted following an internal investigation into the airline's dealing with the public agency that operates its hub airport in Newark, New Jersey.

That agency, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is part of a federal investigation into abuse of power. Munoz, a railroad executive and head of United's audit committee, was named president and CEO.

In his letter, which ran in national newspapers, Munoz didn't offer any hints as to how he will actually fix United's many problems except that he will listen to fliers and employees.

"We are committed to re-earning your trust," he wrote.

The company set up a website, UnitedAirtime.com, for people to ask questions and provide feedback to the airline. The airline posted a few questions and

answers in advance of the site's launch that focus on delayed luggage delivery, aging airplanes that lack Wi-Fi or working TVs and the poor quality of first-class meals. "Let's be honest, the implementation of the United and Continental merger has been rocky for customers and employees," Munoz says on a video greeting on the site. "While it's been improving recently, we still haven't lived up to our promise or our potential." □

## ConAgra cuts 1,500 jobs; moving HQ from Omaha to Chicago

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**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** —

ConAgra will cut about 1,500 jobs, or approximately 30 percent of its global, office-based workforce, and move its headquarters to Chicago from Omaha, Nebraska, the company said Thursday.

About 700 workers will be in Chicago starting next summer, including the company's senior leadership as well as some operations for its consumer foods segment that are situated in Omaha and Naperville, Illinois. The company will maintain a significant presence in Omaha with about 1,200 employees, ConAgra said. Those workers will be involved in research and development, supply chain management and some key administrative functions.

The company has around



Flags fly over ConAgra Foods world headquarters in Omaha, Neb. ConAgra Foods Inc., said Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, it is getting rid of about 1,500 jobs, or approximately 30 percent of its global workforce, as part of a restructuring plan aimed at lowering costs and improving its performance. The packaged foods maker is also moving its headquarters from Omaha, Neb., to Chicago.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

3,000 employees at its headquarters in Omaha, in Lincoln, and across the Missouri River in Council Bluffs,

Iowa.

The Naperville office, about an hour southwest of the Chicago, will close and

between 320 and 350 jobs from there will move to the city after the cuts.

ConAgra, which makes

Chef Boyardee, Slim Jim and Hebrew National hot dogs, said the job cuts exclude plant positions and do not include any impact from the planned sale of its private label operations. It anticipates about \$345 million in one-time charges over the next two to three years related to the restructuring.

"It is critical that we run as lean and as efficient and as effective as possible," ConAgra spokesman Jon Harris said.

The jobs being eliminated are primarily redundant positions or jobs that will be outsourced, ConAgra said Thursday.

The changes should create about \$200 million in cost savings, with more than half of that realized by the end of fiscal 2017, according to ConAgra. The balance should be achieved in the following year. □

## VW confirms Poetsch to become chairman amid scandal

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)**

— Volkswagen has confirmed chief financial officer Hans Dieter Poetsch will become board chairman as the automaker faces a scandal over cars that were equipped to cheat on U.S. government emissions tests.

Poetsch, 64, has been the company's CFO since 2003. The company said he would be appointed to the board and then elected chairman.

The board said in a statement Thursday that it was postponing a special

shareholders' meeting slated for Nov. 9. It said that an investigation into the firm's conduct carried out by law firm Jones Day will take "at least several months" and would not be completed for the meeting.

That meant the company would not be ready to provide "well-founded" answers to shareholders' questions. The decisions were made during seven hours of "intense discussions" at a board meeting on Wednesday evening, the statement said.

Volkswagen also named

the members of a five-member board committee that is to monitor the progress of the investigation into how cars were equipped with software that turned on emission controls during official testing but turned them off them during ordinary driving.

The committee will be headed by the current acting board chairman, Berthold Huber. Huber is the former head of the IG Metall industrial workers' union.

Meanwhile, prosecutors in Braunschweig issued a

statement seeking to clarify their investigation into what possible role former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn played in the scandal. About a dozen criminal complaints have been filed by citizens, and one by VW itself, as allowed under German law. Based upon those complaints the prosecutors said Monday they had opened an investigation. They said it would concentrate on the suspicion of fraud committed through the sale of vehicles with manipulated emissions data, and aimed to deter-

mine who was responsible. On Thursday, however, they said there had been a "misunderstanding" by some and said they did not currently have any evidence against Winterkorn, but that he had been named in the investigation as the head of Volkswagen.

They said their initial release mistakenly said it was an "investigation against Prof. Dr. Winterkorn."

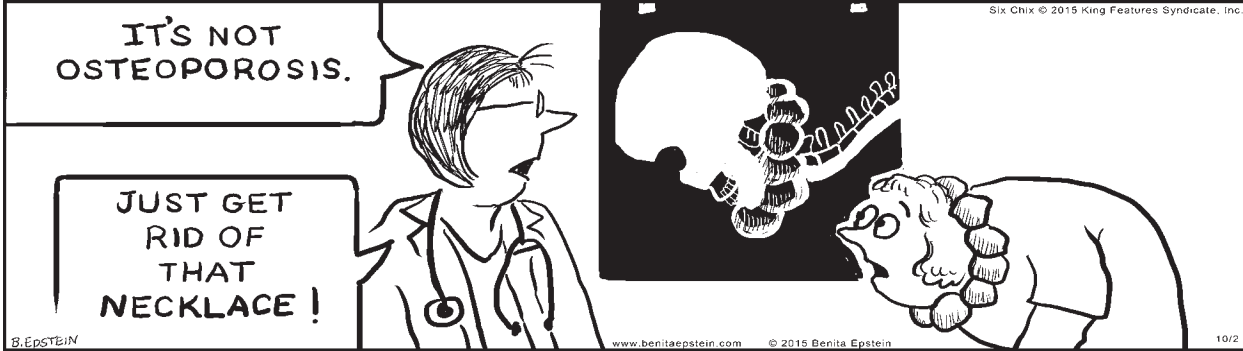
"The goal of the investigation is in particular to clarify responsibility," the prosecutors' office said. □



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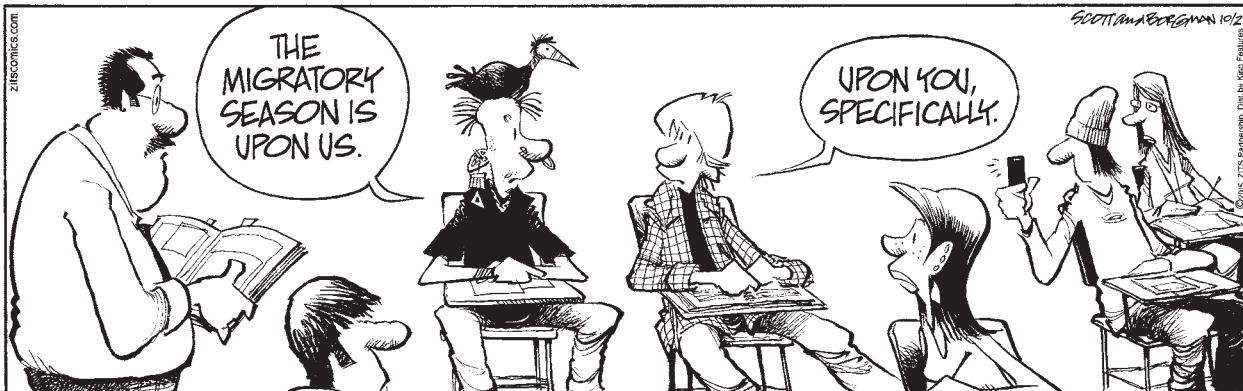
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

6	9	1	2	7	3	5	4	8
7	5	4	6	8	1	9	2	3
2	3	8	4	9	5	6	7	1
3	6	7	1	4	2	8	9	5
9	8	5	3	6	7	2	1	4
1	4	2	9	5	8	3	6	7
4	7	9	8	3	6	1	5	2
5	1	3	7	2	9	4	8	6
8	2	6	5	1	4	7	3	9

**ACROSS**

- Nags
- Strikebreaker
- Walk with slow heavy steps
- Blazing
- Castro's land
- "The Biggest Little City in the World"
- Stonecutter
- Circle portions
- Vane direction
- First showing
- Whispered confidence
- Warsaw native
- Speed limit on many freeways
- Small restaurant
- \_\_\_ for; picked
- Internet laugh
- Cinnamon or nutmeg
- Barking marine mammals
- Was in the red
- Word of welcome
- Ginger cookie
- Usually dry streambeds
- Relinquished
- Toddler's age, perhaps
- Short-tailed weasel
- Monet or Manet
- Materials
- Genealogist's drawing
- Attraction; draw
- Peach pie and chocolate cake
- Radar screen image
- Mimicked
- Be generous
- Period before Easter
- Requirement
- Spine-chilling
- Says no more
- Agile
- Appears

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55						56				57	58	59
60						61	62			63		
64						65				66		
67						68				69		

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**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ David; presidential retreat
- In the distance
- Ascend
- On time
- Oldsters
- Frighten
- Remedy
- CBS competitor
- \_\_\_ hound; hunting dog
- Comes before
- Find out
- Start
- Nuts
- Run and wed
- Nights before big events
- Drive too fast
- \_\_\_ it; screw up
- Midwest state
- Snow vehicle
- Group of eight
- Ancient Peruvians
- One opposed
- Statutes
- Espy; notice

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

CHIP	SEALS	EBBS
HALO	WAGON	VIAL
ALLS	AROSE	ITSA
PESTERS	SADDEST	
	MGM	PEKOE
GULAG	HAS	SNACK
OPEN	MEL	RETURN
ASA	CARACAS	DAE
LESSEN	VAN	DICE
STEED	RED	BOOKS
	VALOR	HAL
INHERIT	FORESTS	
NOUN	MACAW	FOOL
FORT	ITALL	URGE
ONLY	TELLS	LEAD

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- Woody or Tim
- Unable to see
- Nickname for a Roosevelt
- Forest animal
- Seldom seen
- Brief haircut
- Observes
- Energy



## Connecticut: Swindler sent to residential program for ex-cons

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)** Insurance swindler and former international fugitive Martin Frankel on Thursday was ordered into a residential program for ex-convicts, his second stop since being released from federal prison last month. Frankel was sentenced in 2004 to 17 years behind bars for devising a plot to cheat insurance companies out of \$200 million to pay for a luxurious lifestyle that included a mansion in Greenwich, fancy cars and diamonds the size of nickels. He was released to a half-way house in Massachusetts last month but was sent back to prison after authorities say he violated the rules at that home. During a hearing Thursday in U.S. District Court, Frankel agreed to spend the next six months in a military-style program in Hartford run by the Salvation Army. "They are wonderful people," Frankel told Judge Janet C. Hall. Public defender Tracy Hayes said Frankel viewed the Massachusetts halfway house as "almost another jail" because it had bars on the windows and that is what led to his problems there. Frankel was sent to prison for defrauding insurance companies that he purchased in several states through a trust set up to hide his involvement, since he had been barred from securities trading because of a similar scheme he committed years before in



In this 2002 photo, Martin Frankel, a financier accused of stealing more than \$200 million from insurance companies, is escorted from U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn. Frankel was sentenced in 2004 to 17 years behind bars, and released to a half-way house in September 2015. (AP Photo/Bob Child)

Ohio. Each month, Frankel and his associates drew up phony statements showing company investments paying off. He set up a bogus Roman Catholic charity, the Saint Francis of Assisi Foundation, to own the insurance companies. In 1999, he set off an inter-

national manhunt when he disappeared from his Connecticut mansion. He was arrested in Germany four months later. He pleaded guilty to 24 federal charges of fraud and racketeering, and cooperated with authorities in prosecuting other defendants in the case. Prosecutors said he was motivated by greed, sexual desire and a lust for the high life. His lawyers said he was mentally ill. The scheme left a trail of victims, including policyholders, the insurance companies, their employees and the public because fraud drives up premiums, officials said. Frankel remains under a court order to pay more than \$200 million in restitution. Authorities recovered some of the money, in part by auctioning hundreds of diamonds Frankel obtained with the ill-gotten gains. Frankel was one of 17 defendants in the case. □

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## Officials: Key fishing area for Atlantic cod in dire shape

**PATRICK WHITTLE**  
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**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — One of the two critical areas where New England fishermen search for cod may be in even worse shape than suspected. Fishing managers already

knew cod stocks in Georges Bank were thin, but new data from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center says research boats caught less of the fish this past spring than in all but one spring season dating back to 1968.

## Lead scientist of Pluto expedition has book deal

**NEW YORK (AP)** — You've seen the images from Pluto. Now, the lead scientist of the historic NASA expedition is ready to tell the whole story. Alan Stern, principal investigator of the New Horizons mission, has a deal with Picador for a "behind the scenes" account of July's flyby. The publisher announced Thursday that the book is called "Chasing New Horizons: Inside Humankind's First Mission to Pluto." It's

scheduled for publication in spring 2017. David Grinspoon, a planetary scientist and award-winning science writer, will co-write the book. July's unprecedented encounter with the dwarf planet was the last stop on NASA's long tour of our solar-system, dating back to when Pluto was a full-fledged planet. Scientists in charge of New Horizons have hoped the new observations will restore Pluto's honor. □



In this Nov. 15, 2013 file photo, fishermen Ed Stewart, left, and Tannis Goodsen mend groundfishing nets on Merrill Wharf in Portland, Maine.

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## Researchers: carbon pledges lower warming forecast

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — A climate research group says carbon emissions cuts pledged by governments could rein in global warming by up to 1 degree C (1.8 degrees F) by 2100. On Thursday — the deadline for submitting pledges for a U.N. climate pact — the Climate Action Tracker group said if fully implemented, the emissions targets would result in 2.7 C (4.9 F) of warming compared to pre-industrial times. Without those cuts,

the group calculated that there would be an additional 0.5-1.1 C (0.9-2.0 F) of warming. Currently, temperatures are about 1.8 C (3.2 F) warmer than in pre-industrial times. A separate analysis this week by the U.S.-based Climate Interactive group projected 3.5 C (6.3 F) of warming based on the current pledges. All major carbon polluters except India submitted targets by Thursday. □

A report from the center states that the boats caught about 3.3 pounds of cod each time the net went in and out of the water last spring, compared to more than three times that amount two years earlier. Those numbers were routinely more than 20 pounds per trip in the late 1980s. The status of cod in Georges Bank, a broad swath of elevated sea floor off of Massachusetts, could motivate regulators to again lower catch quotas for the area. Quotas have plummeted from more than 4,800 metric tons in 2012 to less than 2,000 metric tons this year.

It's more bad news for the faltering fishery, which generations of New England fishermen have relied upon to make a living. Regulators and marine scientists have said overfishing hit the stock hard and warming oceans could be making it worse. "Is that coming as a surprise from anybody who knows what the water temperature is out there? No, it shouldn't be," said David Goethel, a New Hampshire-based fisherman. "These fish are declining because of climate change." Regulators say the Gulf of Maine, home of the other key cod fishing ground off

of New England, is also in dire shape — the National Marine Fisheries Service scientists said last year the amount of cod spawning in the Gulf was estimated to be 3 to 4 percent of its target level. The Northeast Fisheries Science Center gave the report to The Associated Press on Tuesday. The status of the Georges Bank cod was the subject of a presentation to federal fishing managers on Wednesday in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The New England Fishery Management Council will likely set a fishing quota for Georges Bank cod in December. □



## In a time of progress, dramatizing a gay rights landmark

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AP Film Writer

**TORONTO (AP)** — “Freeheld,” a gay-rights drama about the turning tide of social justice, was shaped by the same currents of change it depicts.

In the course of making the true story about New Jersey police detective Laurel Hester’s fight for pension benefits for her domestic partner, Stacie Andree, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of marriage equality and one of the film’s stars, Ellen Page, came out.

“Freeheld,” the story of a landmark victory in an ongoing battle for LGBT rights, is part celebration, part inspiration.

“Whenever you have these really amazing moments of progress or advancement, there can be a backlash to that,” says Page, also a producer of the film. “It’s nice to have this film now to celebrate the joy and celebrate the progress, mixed with, of course, the backlash that comes from people that struggle with the LGBT community.”

“Freeheld,” which opens in theaters Friday, dramatizes the events of Cynthia Wade’s 2007 Oscar-win-



In this Sept. 28, 2015 photo, Julianne Moore, left, and Ellen Page pose for a portrait to promote their upcoming film “Freeheld” in New York.

ning short documentary of the same name. Hester, a 23-year police veteran played by Julianne Moore, was dying of terminal lung cancer when she sought to have her pension transferred on her death to Andree (Page), as would be the case for a married couple. A panel of county legislators — freeholders — initially refused, and the case

became a national story. The film, directed by Peter Sollett and penned by Ron Nyswaner, is about the reluctant entry of Hester and Andree — both humble, private people — into the public struggle of the gay rights movement. It occurred simultaneously with the rapid onset of Hester’s cancer; she died in 2006 at age 49, shortly after the

freeholders reversed their ruling.

“It is so personal, so, so incredibly personal,” says Moore. “We were really entrusted with an awful lot.” Such are the terms all involved with “Freeheld” use to describe an unusually emotional movie experience. Andree was involved with the film, meeting with Moore and Page, visiting

the set and attending the film’s moving premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

It was also especially personal for Page, who joined the project several years before she, herself, came out in 2014. The 28-year-old actress credits “Freeheld” with helping her in her own struggles with being closeted. “Laurel and Stacie are really incredible people who did something really extraordinary that created a profound ripple effect for change,” says Page. “To be part of a story that’s inspiring and also personally meaningful, of course, is a pretty wonderful opportunity to have.”

Moore said witnessing Page’s experience gave her a new perspective.

“Here was this young person who’s been dealing with this tremendously probably isolating experience, and how liberating it was for her to finally be playing someone in a same-sex relationship,” Moore says. “I’ve had plenty of friends who have gone through it, but it was personalized for me. I was touched by her and her vulnerability and her openness.” □

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## Thomas Rhett brings retro soul to country radio

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The initial market testing on a handful of new songs from country singer Thomas Rhett, including his first single, “Crash and Burn,” wasn’t promising.

“So the feedback came back on ‘Crash,’ I think the feedback said ‘poor,’” Rhett said of the funky song with a beat emphasized with whistles and snaps. “So for us to put ‘Crash’ out with that kind of feedback was kinda scary and risky at the same time.”

But the song hit No. 1 on Billboard’s Country Airplay Chart and No. 2 on Hot Country Songs. (His mother

called the local country radio station in Nashville and told the DJ, “You have to listen to it three times before you can love it.”) Now Rhett is nominated for new artist of the year at the 2015 CMA Awards, to be presented Nov. 4 at Nashville’s Bridgestone Arena. The show will air on ABC. With each single he’s released since his debut in 2012, Rhett has gotten closer to his niche in country music: a retro, soul-inspired danceable mix of arena-sized tunes and hooky melodies.

On his new album, “Tangled Up,” the 25-year-old trained his voice so he could hit falsetto notes

while still maintaining his Georgia twang.

“There are a lot of songs on this album that I cut envisioning myself in an arena,” said Rhett, who has opened for Jason Aldean and Florida Georgia Line. “I think live shows are where fans make their memories of you. They can hear you on the radio all they want, but they aren’t seeing your face and they aren’t seeing how you sing ‘Crash and Burn’ live or how you do ‘Beer With Jesus’ stripped down.”

Jesse Frasure, a co-writer on “Crash and Burn” and an album co-producer, said Rhett had a very clear vision of the album, which



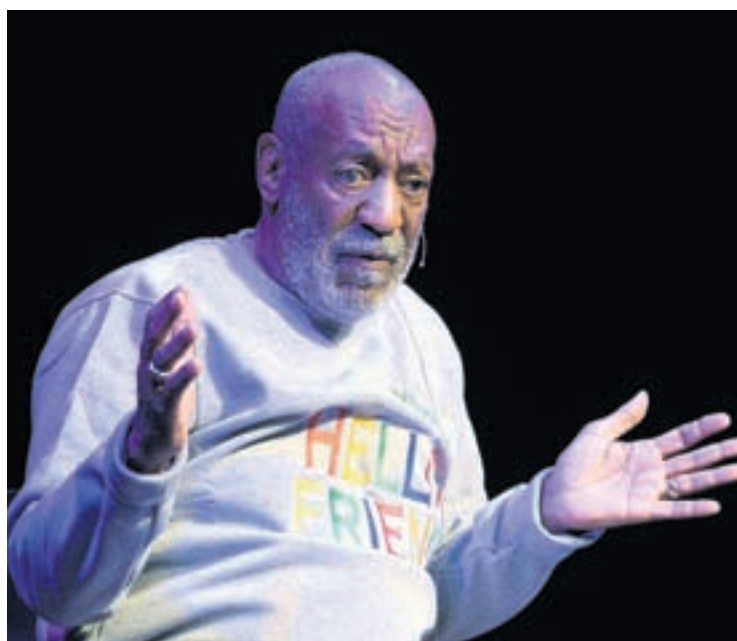
In this Sept. 15, 2015 photo, country singer Thomas Rhett poses for a photo at Sinema Restaurant & Bar in Nashville, Tenn., to promote his latest album, “Crash and Burn.”

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includes contributions from pop singer Jordin Sparks and rapper LunchMoney Lewis.

“He had faith that it was an unorthodox record, but it was still country,” Frasure said. □





In this Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 file photo, comedian Bill Cosby performs at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, in Melbourne, Fla.

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## L. A. prosecutors reviewing case against Bill Cosby

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Los Angeles prosecutors are reviewing an investigation into a model's accusations that Bill Cosby sexually abused her at the Playboy Mansion, an official said Thursday.

District attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said Thursday that police detectives presented evidence Wednesday afternoon for a possible criminal case. There's no timetable for when a decision will be made on whether to charge the comedian, and it is unclear what charges could be filed.

Model Chloe Goins met with detectives in January and has accused Cosby of drugging her and accosting her in a bedroom of the Playboy Mansion in August 2008, but the comedian's lawyer has denied the claims, saying Cosby wasn't in Los Angeles at the time.

An email seeking comment from Cosby's attorney, Marty Singer, was not immediately returned.

Cosby has been accused by dozens of women of sexual misconduct, but most of their claims are barred from being filed as civil or criminal cases due

to statutes of limitations.

Goins was the second woman to meet with Los Angeles police detectives to detail accusations against Cosby.

Prosecutors rejected filing charges against Cosby based on allegations by Judy Huth, a Riverside County resident who is suing the comedian, alleging he abused her in the early 1970s when she was 15 years old. Huth's lawsuit also states the abuse happened at the Playboy Mansion.

Huth's claims were rejected for a criminal case because the statute of limitations had expired.

Cosby, 78, is scheduled to be deposed in that case Oct. 9.

Fallout from the allegations against Cosby continues, with the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit Catholic school, revoking an honorary degree it presented to Cosby in 2012. The school announced the decision Wednesday, the same day Brown University revoked a doctorate of humane letters it granted Cosby in 1985, and days after Fordham and Marquette universities rescinded degrees they bestowed to Cosby. □

## 3,000-page Primo Levi anthology includes Toni Morrison intro

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The fall's most ambitious literary release took 17 years to complete, runs more than 3000 pages, draws upon the talents of more than a dozen translators and has a list price of \$100.

It also features an introduction from Nobel laureate Toni Morrison.

"The Complete Works of Primo Levi" is a 3-volume set of writings by the late Italian author and Auschwitz survivor whose memoir "If This is a Man" remains a standard work of Holocaust literature. The anthology was conceived in 1998 by W.W. Norton & Company executive editor Robert Weil, who had had surprising success with a two-volume compilation of Russian author Isaac Babel and thought Levi a worthy follow-up.

"But if the publisher had known back in 1998 how long this would take I would never have gotten it approved," Weil said during a recent interview.

Levi was world famous at the time of his death (widely believed a suicide), in 1987, but his work in the U.S. suffered from the random treatment given to so many foreign-language authors. At least seven publishers had rights to various editions and the quality of translations was erratic enough that new translations were commissioned for virtually all of the books. Many stories and poems had never been collected in English before.

Literary works in general depend on critics' support and strong reviews are especially vital for "The Complete Works of Primo Levi," which like a 4-hour movie needs to be regarded as something extraordinary, as an event. So far, reviewers have duly applauded. The Washington Post's Michael Dirda praised it as "old-school publishing on a grand scale," while James Wood of The New Yorker called it a "monumental

and noble endeavor."

Estimating that he has devoted more than 6,000 emails to the Levi project, Weil brought in a wide range of collaborators. To oversee the new translations and work on some of the books, he recruited New Yorker editor Ann Goldstein, already known to many readers for her English-language editions of the novels of Elena Ferrante. Other contributors include authors Simon Rich and Jenny McPhee, and, for Levi's poetry, Jonathan Galassi, the president and publisher of Farrar, Straus &



This cover image released by Liveright Publishing Corporation shows "The Complete Works of Primo Levi," edited by Ann Goldstein.

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Giroux and a leading translator of Italian verse.

Morrison's participation wasn't planned when Weil thought of the Levi anthology and came about through a conversation in early 2014 with Harold Augenbraum, executive director of the National Book Foundation, which presents the National Book Awards. Augenbraum recommended that Weil contact the author of "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye" and other novels, citing her singular gift for capturing "the human cost of holocaust," he told The Associated Press in a recent email.

According to Weil, Morrison initially turned him down because she had other writing commitments. Weil responded by sending Morrison a package of Levi books, plus an essay he had written about him.

Within three weeks, Morrison changed her mind.

"She was hugely enthused about his writings," Weil said.

Levi, born in 1919, was a promising young chemist and member of an anti-Fascist organization when arrested late in 1943 and the following February stuffed by the Nazis with hundreds of others on a train to Auschwitz. "At Auschwitz I became a Jew," he would recall. "The consciousness of feeling different was forced upon me." Russian troops liberated Auschwitz early in 1945 and after months in a Soviet transit camp Levi returned to Turin, where he soon began writing "If This is a Man." The book was published in Italy in 1947, but took more than a decade to find an international audience, only reaching the United States in 1959.

Over the last quarter century of his life, Levi was acclaimed for the force and clarity of his prose, for the welding of lyricism, wisdom, imagination and logic. He proved gifted not just at nonfiction, but poetry, short fiction and with such novels as "The Wrench" and "If Not Now, When?" In "The Periodic Table," he told the story of his life through chapters dedicated to gold, silver and other elements.

In her introduction to the complete works, Morrison notes that "The triumph of human identity and worth over the pathology of human destruction glows virtually everywhere in Levi's writing."

"Primo Levi understands evil as not only banal but unworthy of our insight — even of our intelligence, for it reveals nothing interesting or compelling about itself," Morrison writes. "It has merely size to solicit our attention and an alien stench to repel or impress us. For this articulate survivor, individual identity is supreme; efforts to drown identity inevitably become futile." □



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